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25th "	ARABIA	8000	—	—
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8th "	CHINA	8000	—	—
15th "	SALSETTE	6040	MALOJA	12500
22nd "	EGYPT	8079	—	—
1st March	MOREA	11080	—	—
8th "	PERSIA	8000	—	—
15th "	SALSETTE	6040	MARMORA	10500
19th "	†AMCANA	7000	—	—
22nd "	MANTUA	11040	—	—
29th "	SALSETTE	6040	MEDINA	12500
5th Apl.	ARABIA	8000	—	—
12th "	MOLDAVIA	10000	—	—
19th "	MALOJA	12590	—	—
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*City of Glasgow	6529	3 March	1 March
Trafford Hall	5321	.....	18 "
City of Athens	6596	15 March	.....
City of Roma (Tw. Screw)	3900	.....	5 April
City of Vienna	6582	9 April	.....
*City of Lucknow	6878	16 April	14 "
City of Benares	6978	.....	23 "
*City of Birmingham	7475	7 May	5 May
City of Sparta	5413	17 "	15 "
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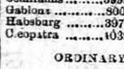
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Habsburg	3979	E. Seberich	16th Mar. "
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Semiramis	3999	P. Pavisich	16th April "
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By Order,
ROBERT HILL,
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Dated this 20th day of December, 1912.

By Order of the Directors,
D. LONGWORTH,
Senior Secretary and Manager.
Carnac Iron Works,
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J. SANDERS SLATER,
Administrator-General.
Administrator-General's Office, High Court,
Bombay, the 13th day of December, 1912.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNER, SHIP hitherto carried on at Forbes Building Home Street, Bombay, by Messrs. NASSERWANJEE NOWROSJEE WADIA, RUSTOMJEE NOWROSJEE WADIA, and GEORGE ASHBY, under the style of NOWROSJEE WADIA and SONS has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent from the 31st day of December, 1912, so far as regards the said GEORGE ASHBY, who retires from the said Firm on the date aforesaid. The said Nasserwanjee Nowrojee Wadia and Rustomjee Nowrojee Wadia WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY on the business under the present name and style of NOWROSJEE WADIA and SONS.

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BOMBAY, 1st JANUARY, 1913.

THE SHERIFF OF BOMBAY.

SIR,—WE, the Undersigned, request you to convene at an early date in the TOWN HALL, a PUBLIC MEETING of the citizens of Bombay, to give expression to the feelings of deep abhorrence created by the recent bomb outrage at Delhi, and of grateful satisfaction at the miraculous escape of THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE VICEROY, and LADY HARDINGE.

Yours faithfully,

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And others.

IN accordance with the above requisition, I hereby CALL A PUBLIC MEETING of the Inhabitants of Bombay, in the TOWN HALL, on TUESDAY, the 7th January, 1913, at 5-30 P.M., (S.T.).

H. R. GREAVES,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 3rd January, 1913.

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P. R. CADELL,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 3rd January, 1913.

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P. R. CADELL,
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Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will sell by Public Auction on the premises on MONDAY, the 6th January, 1913, in the morning at 8-30 a.m. (S.T).

The Materials for removal of the following buildings:—

Building Street Nos. 57, 61 67, 67A, 55 A, Case Nos. 28, 16, Soparibag Road.

Building Street Nos. 17B, 17C, 15C, 7B, 15, 15A, 11, 13F; 7A, 9 Case Nos. 9, 8, 5, 4, Soparibag Road

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY, situate at Doctor Street.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, 1913, at 5 p.m. (S T.) sell by Auction on the premises by order of the surviving mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Mr. Abdoolally Hakimjee Pagiiwalla, the undermentioned property under the power of sale reserved to the mortgagee by an Indenture of mortgage, dated the 15th day of July 1910.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

All that piece of land admeasuring 206 square yards or thereabouts, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue, Bombay, under Collector's Old No. 345, Collector's New No. 7625, Old Survey No. 1024, and New Survey No. 4391, with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay, under Ward No. 7033, and Street No. 143-147, all which premises are situate at and on the East side of Shaik Abdool Doctor Street in the City and Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and are bounded on or towards the East by the property formerly of Essabhoy Ebrahimji and now of Abdoolabhoy Hooseinally, on or towards the West by the said Shaik Abdool Doctor Street, on or towards the North by the property of Essabhoy Ebrahimji, and on or towards the South by the Khara Tank Road, and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of the said mortgagee.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Shroff Dinsha and Dharamsi Attorneys to the mortgagees at their Office No. 9 Hornby Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 4th January, 1913.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY,
No. 16, APOLLO STREET.

WEEKLY SALE.

On MONDAY, the 6th inst., at 2-30 p.m., (S. T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, No. 16, Apollo Street, Fort, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following :—

Furniture such as sets of drawing-room suite of sofas and chairs, cupboards, almyras, screens, tiled teapoys, dressing, washing and writing tables, carpets, easy chairs, phonographs, and iron safes, etc.

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On WEDNESDAY, the 8th inst., at 2 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by public auction at the abovementioned place, where the goods are removed for sale to close partnership account, the following:—

FURNITURE—Peacock pattern drawing-room suites of sofas and chairs, velvet lined sofas, bentwood chairs by Cohen maker.

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BENNETT & COMPANY.
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 4th instant, at 3-30 p.m., (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

The property of W. Fisher, I. F. S.

A large collection of camp kits, such as bedsteads, mattresses, dining tables, chairs, teapoys, one sewing machine, cane commodes, lamps, utensils, etc., also one single pole regulation 15ft. by 15ft. opens to 15ft. by 25ft. in good condition, one Hill tent 14ft by 14ft. in serviceable good order, also servants' syces' and necessary tents.

The above tents are on view at the Government Secretariat's compound, (North End).

One lot glass and crockeryware consisting of soda tumblers, wine glasses, finger bowls, ice-plates, sweet dishes, cheese and soup and meat and desert plates, vegetable dishes with covers, etc., electro platedware such as tea pot sugar basin, milk jug, cruet stand butter dish, etc., one sofa lowchair, work bench Milner safe with stand, brass and iron double bedsteads, one clipping machine, and one lot scab bards etc.

AT 2 P. M. (S. T.)

1 Handsome strong rubber-tyred palanquin office shigram, in good order.

1 Second-hand glass fronted miniature office brougham.

1 Second-hand rubber-tyred victoria, in good order.

1 Grey Arab, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 Bay pony, quiet in harness.
1 Lady's and Gents' bicycles, one lot bits, etc.

On FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at 2-30 p.m., (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at "South House" near the Art School and Indo-British Institution, Hornby Road, opposite Jaffer Sulleman's Charitable Dispensary, the valuable and handsome teakwood and blackwood plain and carved household furniture, rich glass and crockeryware best platedware, dining table, arms and without armchairs, sideboard and dumbwaiters, drawing-room suite, drawing-room cabinets, glass door almyrah, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, rich pictures and oleographs, chest of drawers, teapoys, screens, writing tables, book presses, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, brass and iron single and double bedsteads, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich carpets, utensils, garden pots, motor-car, etc., etc., the property of a Lady going home.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view four days before the sale.

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BANDRA.

DEATH.

SHAKUNTALABAI—On Thursday, 2nd January, at "Laila Hall," Mount Mary Hill, Bandra, Shakuntalabai, wife of Mr. Tulsidas Keshavdas. Deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and relations.

EUROPE.

BIRTHS.

BENNETT—Dec. 16, at Fairfield House, Fareham, the wife of Capt W P Bennett, Royal Garrison Art of a son.

GARDNER—On the 13th Dec, at Rangoon, the wife of Commander Charles Gardner, R J M, of a son.

GRACE—Dec II, at The Gables, Purley, the wife of Commander H E Grace, his Majesty's ship New Zealand of a son.

YALE—Dec 10, at Southsea, the wife of Col J C Yale, D S O of a son.

FINCH-HATTON—Dec, 12 at 13 Bostrevor Terrace, Rathgar, Dublin, the wife of Major Edward Heneage Finch-Hatton, D S O, the Buffs of a daughter.

POLLOCK MORRIS—Dec 13, at 15 Royal Circus, Edinburgh, the wife of Col Pollock, Morris, D S O of Craig, Kilmarnock of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GULLAND—ADEN—Dec 14, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Frognal, London, John William Gulland, M P, to Edith Mary, daughter of the late Walker Allen, of whitefield.

MAUNDRELL—FURLEY—Dec 10, at St Paul's Church, Canterbury, the Rev W H Maundrell R N, sons of the late Venerable Archdeacon H Maundrell (C M S), to Evelyn Helen, daughter of Frederick W Furly and Mrs Furley, of Sunbury Canterbury.

DEATHS.

BARLOW—Dec 8 in Rome, Julie Elisabeth, widow of the late Capt N B Barlow and daughter of the late Major-Gen M E T Sherwill.

METCALFE—Dec 12, Major-Gen Charles T E Metcalfe, C B late colonel commanding 2nd batt Rifle Brigade, son of the late Lieut-Col James Metcalfe, C B of Aston House, Herts, aged 56.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Second Bombay Extra Meeting, Mahaluxmi Race Course, 3-15 p.m.

Violin Recitation by Miss Marie Hall, Town Hall, 9-30 p. m.

Bombay Yacht Club Races.

Maidania, 5-30 p m. to 11-30 p.m.

Willison's Tented shows at "Maidania," 9 p.m.

America-India Cinematograph, three shows nightly

Excelsior Cinematograph, Novelty Theatre, 6-30 to 8; 8-30 to 9-30; 10 to 12 p.m.

Maxim:—"The magnitude of most of the trifles that affect us may be altered by our way of looking on them."—A. McLaren, D.D.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

DEPARTURE.

The P. and O. Company's mail steamer "Salsette" will leave Bombay harbour at 2-39 p.m. to-day.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

The following are the hours of arrival and departure of the principal Mail trains and Express trains at and from Victoria Terminus and Colaba daily. Standard Time is given in all cases :—

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

	Arr.	Dep.
Punjab Mail	12-35	19-1.
Calcutta Mail (via Jubbulpur)	13-20	21-15
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	8-20	14-0
Madras Mail	6-0	22-0
Poona Mail	11-10	14-45
Delhi Express (3rd and inter. class)	6-50	7-30
Poona Express	19-35	8-0
Madras Express	12-20	14-25
Postal Express for Punjab		*
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* Four hours after mail steamer is signalled on Fridays only.

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	Arr.	Dep.
Northern Express	7-30	21-0
Guzerat Mail	8-35	21-50
Third Class Express	6-45	17-0
Weekly Boat Express every Friday (from 18th October to 27th December 1912)		12-0

MUSIC AT THE COMMERCIAL GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. S. E. Pigott, C.I.E., V.D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion, B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteers, will play the following programme under the direction of Mr. Geo. W Salter, commencing 6 p.m. to-day : —

March ....Lorraine ....Game
Overture ....Raymond ....Thomas
Valse ....Parisienne ....Ganne
Selection ....Balkan Princess ....Rubens
Idyll... ....Softly Unawares............ Lincke
Dervish Chorus In the Soudan............Sebek
Selection ....Scotch Airs ....Hume
Two Step ....Arrah Wanna ....Morse

MUSIC AT THE MAHALUXMI RACES.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. T. W. Bonner, V.D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion, G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers, will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 3 p.m. to-day :—

March ....With Banner's Waving..Franke
Overture ....Masaniello ....Auber
{a Rope Dance............In the Shadows ....Finck
{b Two Step ....Ghosts ....E Dunkels
Selection............The Gondoliers ....Sullivan
Valse ....Malmaison ....Zulueta
{a Spanish Serenade ..La Paloma............Yradier
{b Two Step ....Ma Dusky Maid... ......Vere Smith
Selection ....Gipsy Love ....F Lehar

MUSIC AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of Lt. Col. H. A. Lempriere and Officers, the Band of the 7th (Princess Royals) Dragoon Guards will play the following selection of music, beginning at 6 p.m. to-day :—

Grand March......Florentiner............Fucik
Pizzicato............Baby's Sweetheart......Corri
Suite ....Peer Gynt ....Greig
(a) Morning (b) Death of Ase (c) (d) Dance of Imps.
Travesty on the Wearin o' the Green ....The Tearin o' the Green ....Douglas
Overture ....William Tell ....Rossini
Xylophone Solo...La Juana ....Howgill
(Mrs. A. Buckle).
Valse ....Triste ....Sibelius
Grand Selection..Lohengrin ....Wagner
Excerpts from...The Chocolate Soldier..Straus
Idyl ....The Whistler and his Dog ....Pryor

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—By kind permission of Col. W. R Marshall and Officers, the Band of the Sherwood Foresters, under the direction of Mr. A H. Dewsall Bandmaster, will play the following programme of music, commencing at 5-30 p.m. to-day (with admission fee).

March of Triumph ......Entery of the Gladiators ......Fusiek
Excerpts (from) ....Veradis Operas...Godfrey
Overture ....Marinarella ......Fucik
Valse ....The Wedding dance Lincke
a Serenade (Neapolitan) O Sole Kio............Capua
b Xylophone Solo ......Beppo ....Byrne
(Soloist : Corp : C. Bradley)
Melodies (from)............Gipsy Love ......Lehar.

MUSIC AT "MAIDANIA."—By kind permission of Lieut. Col. F. A. Smith and Officers, the Band of the 2nd Q. V. O. S. L. I. will play the following programmes of music at "Maidania" this evening, under the direction of Mr. F. Lemoes, Bandmaster :—

First Programme.

March...... ......Wellington............Zehel
Selection... .The Pink Baby............Caryll
Valse ....Lysistrata............Linck
Dance ....Des Aborigenes ....Thiere
Valse ....The Eternal Valse ....Fall
Selection......H M S Pinafore ....Sullivan
Two Step......Mumblin Moss............Thurban

MASSED BANDS AT MAIDANIA.—From 10 to 12 p. m. to-night the Massed Bands of the 7th (Princess Royal's) Dragoon Guards, 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 95th Russell's Infantry, and 2nd (Queen Victoria's Own) Rajputs, by permission of the Officers Commanding, will play the following programme of music at "Maidania" :—

Spanish March...El Abanico ....Javaloyes
Valse ....Septembre ....Godin
Overture ....Light Cavalry ....Suppe
Solo for 6 Piccolos
The Deep Blue Sea ....Brewer
Selection ....Carmen ....Bizet
Valse ....Passing of Salome ....Joyce
Selection ....The Chocolate Soldier............Strauss
Grand Military Torchlight Tattoo ..Lt. Bogan M V O
Conductors—C Cornfield L R A M and C E Caulfield. R D Fus.

DR. D. A. D'MONTE.—A few friends of Dr. D. A. D'Monte met on Thursday evening at the old Municipal office at Bandora, and offered him hearty congratulation on having been nominated an additional member of the Legislative Council.

MAHOMEDAN MEETING.—A weekly meeting of the Young Men's Mahomedan Association will be held at 9 p.m., to-day, at the Anjuman Islam School Hall, New Nagpada, when Mr. Syed Ebrahim Syed Ahmed Kadiri will deliver a lecture on "National welfare."

BANK OF BURMA.—A general meeting of the creditors and shareholders of the above Bank in liquidation will be held to-day at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the Native Share and Stockbrokers' Association Hall, Dalal-street, Fort, as notified in the advertisement published in our issue of yesterday's date. Several questions of importance are likely to be discussed.

CLOTHES ON FIRE.—Three bundles of clothes belonging to various customers were damaged as a result of a fire which broke out in the hut of a dhobi named Budhai Shunker at Dharavi. The man was away at the time. The hut was also completely burnt. The whole damage amounted to Rs. 130. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

SUICIDE BY DROWNING.—A Hindu, aged about thirty, threw himself into the Mustan tank on Wednesday evening. A municipal sweeper, who saw him, dived in, and rescued the body, in which, however, life was extinct. The body was brought to the shore, and a Coroner's inquest was held by Mr. Lattey, acting Coroner, when a verdict of suicide was given.

THEFT.—A purse containing five currency-notes for Rs. 10 each, and a sapphire ring worth Rs. 125, was stolen from the table of a Hindu medical practitioner of Thakurdwar, about 9-30 a.m. on the 1st inst. It appears that the purse was placed on the table by the owner, who then went on to the verandah. On his return, ten minutes later, it was found to be missing. Suspicion is thrown on a man, who was in the room at the time when the purse was kept there.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BANDORA.—A grand variety entertainment, in aid of the St. Andrew's Parish School building, will be given, under the distinguished patronage, and in the presence of, his Grace the Archbishop Bishop of Damaun, by the members of the Canterbury Young Men's Association on Sunday, the 5th instant, at 6 p.m., in the compound of St. Andrew's Church. A farce, entitled "The Queer Subject", and the drama, "The Seal of Confession," will be staged. The "Young Men of Canterbury" have established a reputation as efficient actors from their previous performances, and it is hoped that, as "The Seal of Confession" is a religious and soul-stirring play, staged in Bandora for the first time, and as the performance is in aid of a deserving cause, the public will not miss the opportunity of witnessing the performance.

THE POLICE COURTS.

TYPIST FOUND TRIFLING.

One Gopal Damodar Joshi, employed as a clerk and typist at Messrs. Robert Park & Co.'s boot and leather shop, was prosecuted yesterday before Rao Bahadur Chunilal Setalvad on a charge of stealing a pair of boots and a roll of leather worth Rs. 82.

One Madhavram Sakaram Padvalkar, owner of a shop styled the Durbar Agency at Carnac Bunder, was charged with receiving those stolen properties, with a guilty knowledge, before the same magistrate.

Mr. R. Solomon appeared for the accused, who pleaded guilty.

It was pleaded for the accused that he was respectably connected, and he would be totally ruined if he was given a term of imprisonment. At a moment of weakness, he had committed the crime, and he was very sorry for it.

His Worship sentenced him to one day's imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 125, or, in default, one month's rigorous imprisonment. The receiver pleaded that he merely accommodated his friend by consenting to keep those articles in his shop, and had not made any profit out of them. His Worship, however, convicted him, and sentenced him to one day's imprisonment, and a fine of Rs. 60, or, in default, fifteen days' rigorous imprisonment, as this was his first offence. Mr. B. T. Dhondi appeared for the second accused.

POST DATED CHEQUE.

A notice was issued on Chandulal Mahasukhla Parekh by the Chief Presidency Magistrate on the complaint of Behramji Aderji Mistri, to show cause why he should not be prosecuted for cheating. Behramji Aderji Mistri is a furniture dealer, and Chandulal Mahasukhla was a tailor. Chandulal took from Behramji furniture worth Rs. 1,200, and paid him about Rs. 900 in instalments. It was settled that Chandulal should pay Rs. 200 to settle the debt. Chandulal said that he gave Behramji a post dated cheque for Rs. 200 (dated the 24th of October) on the 16th October last; but as his other creditors attached his shop on the 23rd, the bank stopped giving him credit. He had no idea of cheating the complainant. Complainant said that the cheque was given at 3-15 p.m. on the 23rd, and as the banks were closed, the cheque was dated the 24th.

The respondent's pleader, Mr. B. T. Desai, argued that Chandulal had no dishonest intention at all. If his shop had not been attached, the money would have been paid. There were still goods worth Rs. 1,200 lying in the Small Cause Court, from which Behramji's debt could have been recovered.

The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. A. H. Aston, held that the post dated cheque was valueless, and, disbelieving the complainant's version, discharged the notice.

CURIOUS QUARREL.

In the Court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate, yesterday, a smartly-dressed young Mahratta named Bhagia was sentenced to a fine of Rs. 5 for detaining a woman named Shamsunder Bai for a few minutes in Thakurdwar, Sonapur, on the Dashahara (Bejoya) night. The complainant, Shamsunder Bai, with some others were passing by Thakurdwar-road near Sonapur, where accused, who had a shop on the road, came out, and had a quarrel with Shamsunder Bai. Shamsunder Bai said that Bhagia abused her, and, stretching out his hands, would not allow her to go to the police to complain. Accused said that his wife died, leaving a daughter, aged 5 months, and, as there was none to take care of the girl, he lived with a "naikin" woman, who took charge of the child. She was a "naikin."

A STREET COLLISION.

Yesterday a case, in which Mr. Alfred DeLair, a ticket checker on the G. I. P. Ry., charged the driver of victoria No. 1373, named Ali Kasam, with suddenly backing his victoria, and running into the complainant's cycle, which was smashed, and offered damage to the extent of Rs. 25, came on for hearing before the Chief Presidency Magistrate. The complainant said that his two witnesses were complaining of having been detained in court, and he would be glad to have the case disposed of that day. The Chief Magistrate transferred the case to Rao Bahadur Setalvad, the third Magistrate, with the consent of both sides. The third Magistrate fined the driver Rs. 15, and ordered the whole of the fine if realised to be paid to the complainant as compensation.

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AMUSEMENTS.

AMERICA-INDIA.

This popular place of amusement has been doing good business during the Christmas and New Year holidays. The new programme, commencing from to-day, maintains the America-India's reputation for variety and tasteful selection. The star subject is one of Pathe's famous coloured historical productions, "The Siege of Calais." This original film is a gorgeous pageantry of pictures. More actors have taken part in its production than is usual in cinema films, and anything approaching the wonderful spectacles of mediæval war it presents has seldom been attempted hitherto. The scenes are works of rare beauty, executed in all cases by skilled experts. The programme includes a delightful little vitagraph comedy, entitled "The Double Elopement," one of the funniest pictures shown here for a long time. It contains some really fine touches of humour, and the acting is as good as any seen on the real stage. This, with a couple of fascinating comics, concludes a very pleasing entertainment.

WILLISON'S TENTED SHOWS.

The Circus continues to pursue the even tenour of its way, and good houses are the order of the day and night. A new programme was presented to a packed tent on New Year's night, and, if anything, it is better than the previous one. Among the many items that call for special mention is the somersault riding of Mons. Martishenks, who gets some clever work in on his galloping steed. Ashraf, known as India's strong man, is an adept at breaking heavy chains, and his great feat of stopping a 60 horse-power motor-car, while going at full speed, must be seen to be believed. The trio of dainty little ladies in their impersonation of the Turks in a dance peculiar to that nation was well received.

Mons. Borrowsky presents two white Chinese ponies, who play a game of leapfrog, jumping over each other, and seeming to enjoy it. There were several welcome reappearances on the programme, notably the Anglo-American Aerolites, the Tycoon troupe of dogs and Wild Friday and Wild Rose in their sharp-shooting feats—all of these received enthusiastic applause an amusing Equestrian Travesty, entitled Mousad Madame Deny, was enacted by several members of the company, and caused roars of laughter at its absurdity. Mdlle. Nusea gave a pretty representation of the English jockey, her particularly dashing appearance and daring jump on to the horse's back being graceful in the extreme, and the Petite lady received hearty applause for her efforts of horsemanship. Mons. Ragoul's sensational act with the six tigers and two black bears seems as popular as ever, and concludes a lengthy programme. The big bunch of clowns, including Jolly Leo, Comical Charlie, Johnny Wallett, and the side-issue keep the audience in a good humour all the evening. To-day and to-morrow there will be two performances at 4-30 p.m. and again at 9-15 p.m., when pleasingly prepared programmes will be presented on all occasions. The wrestling will start Sunday.

THE EXCELSIOR.

The management announce another inviting programme, in which the principal attraction is "Caesar Borgia," a story based on that worthy's having fallen in love, although a Cardinal, with the beautiful Sanela, the fiancee of his brother John, Duke of Gandia. This ended in the brutal murder of his rival at the hands of hired "bravi," who afterwards threw the remains of their victim into the Tiber. The film is admirably staged and acted, and is vivid in all its details. Another strong item in the programme is "The Dandies' Club," which is an exciting story, in which the detective, Charlie Colms, is defeated, and hopelessly eclipsed, even though he was given notice of the designs of the thief. The Animated Gazette and two others films complete the picture entertainment, which is rendered more interesting by the effective acting in dance and song of Miss Violet Frampton and Mr. McGrath, who have quite won the esteem of the audience, and maintain the popularity they have attained in their connection with many theatres in India.

CORONATION CINEMATOGRAPH.

Cinema lovers will be delighted to hear that the Coronation Cinematograph is arranging a specially selected programme on Saturday evening. The proceeds of the performances of Saturday will be devoted for the benefit of the Night High School, Chunam Kiln, Grant-road.

The proprietor of the Coronation Cinematograph has specially selected the latest cinema films for the occasion, and will stage Shakespeare's "Macbeth" on Saturday evening. This play has been selected for the benefit of students studying for the Matriculation examination, as "Macbeth" is a text book for that examination.

The Night High School specially deserves the generous support of the public, as it is now imparting higher education to over a hundred pupils, who cannot afford to attend the day schools.

We earnestly trust that every parent, who has the education of his child at heart, will help us in assisting the noble cause of educating the masses.

MASSED BANDS AT "MAIDANIA."

Last evening the children from several of the orphanages and missions in Bombay were entertained by the management in "Maidania," and it was refreshing to see the zest with which the children entered into the fun at the various side-shows.

A very comprehensive programme is announced for "Maidania" to-day. Between 6 and 8 o'clock free admission will be given to all children accompanied by parents, each child being presented with a toy on entering the gates.

After dinner there will be massed bands in the Garden Restaurant, no less than four Bands having been engaged for the event. The Bands will march in separately, each being escorted by men of the 95th Russell's Infantry, carrying lanterns, and will be stationed on the Skating Rink, where the programme will be given. The final event will be a military tattoo, a popular item which is certain to appeal to the audience.

There will be no skating on the rink after dinner, but a special session, with a band in attendance, will be held on Sunday morning.

THE POTTERY INDUSTRY.

The following Press note has been issued :—In a Press note, dated the 18th April 1911, it was stated that in order to encourage, as far as possible the development of a pottery industry, the results of the experiments carried out in the Pottery Department of the Sir J. J. School of Art should be made available to the public free of charge, and the Superintendent of the Department was authorised to give advice free of charge during the working hours of the laboratory to private firms and individuals who are known to be interested in the industry. The Governor in Council considers it desirable that the services of the Superintendent should be made available outside Bombay to Native States and private firms or individuals interested in the development of the pottery industry who may seek his advice. The Principal of the school has accordingly been authorised to permit the Superintendent to visit places outside Bombay for the examination of clay-beds, etc., and for the giving of advice generally on the following conditions :—

(i) that the visits shall be undertaken only when the Superintendent's services can reasonably be spared without detriment to his regular work in Bombay ;

(ii) that the expenses in connexion with the consultation should be paid by the Native State or other applicant on the following scale :—

(a) such travelling allowance as may be admissible to the Superintendent under the Civil Service Regulations ;

(b) a fee of Rs. 10 per day in lieu of halting allowance for every day or part of a day that the Superintendent is absent from Bombay. Such fee shall be paid to the Superintendent ;

(iii) that in the case of journeys to places not provided with suitable public conveyances, the means of conveyance will be provided by the party seeking advice ;

(iv) that in places where there are no hotels or dak bungalows, a tent or house shall be placed at the disposal of the Superintendent.

Apart from the above expenses, no charge should be made for these consultations.

SIR ROBERT EYLES EGERTON, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., a Mutiny veteran, left estate in the United Kingdom, valued at £4,717 gross, with net personalty £4,430.

BOMBAY CHURCHES.

To-morrow's Services

The Cathedral (St. Thomas the Apostle), Church Gate Street, 2nd Sunday after Christmas—7 a.m., Holy Communion; 7-45 a. m. Matins; 8-30 a. m., Holy Communion—Choral. Lloyd in E flat. Hymns—60, 57, 311, 512; 5-30 p. m. Children's Service: 6-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon, Canticles—Tours in F. Anthem "O Gladsome Light." —Sullivan. Hymns—483, 474. Collections for Cathedral High Schools. Daily Matins at 7-15 a.m., and Evensong at 5-15 p.m. Daily Holy Communion at 7-45 a.m. On Wednesdays, Choral Evensong at 6-30 p.m.

Christ Church, Byculla—2nd Sunday after Christmas. Matins 8-15 a.m. ; Holy Communion 9 a.m.; Children's Service 5-15 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon 6-30 p. m.

S. John the Evangelist, Colaba.—Clergy : Rev. G F. Harvey. 7-15 a. m. and 8 a. m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Parade Service; 6-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Christmas Eve: 6-30 p.m. Evensong and Chorals.—Christmas Day.—7 a.m. and 8 a. m. Holy Communion ; 10-30 a. m. Parade Service, Preacher the Lord Bishop of Bombay.—The string band of the Sherwood Foresters plays at Parade Services

Emmanuel Church, Girgaum.—2nd Sunday after Christmas.—8 a.m. Holy Communion ; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon; 6-30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon. Collections for Church Expenses and Poor. Marathi Service 9 a.m., Gujerati Service 2-30 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, Kamatipura, S. P. G. (Hindustani and Tamil Mission.) Clergy, Revs. H. J. P Freeon and J. Martyn. Churchwardens—Mr. A G. Joseph, M. Charles James. 7-30 a.m Matins and Litany. 8-15 a.m. Holy Communion (Hindustani). 10 a.m. Matins and Litany and Holy Communion alternately.

St. Stephen's Church Bandra Hill—Holy Communion and Sermon at 10 a m.

All Saints' Church, Malabar Hill.—8 a.m. Matins; 8-30 a.m. Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Parel.—1st Sunday after Xmas. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 5-15 p. m. Sunday School and Bible Classes, 6-30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher.—Rev. J. B. Glass.

St. Nicholas Church, opposite Prince's Dock Chaplain—Vacant. 7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Trinity Church, Hornby Road. Clergy ; Rev. A. L. Bradbury 8 a. m. Matins and Litany —8-30 a.m., Holy Communion; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Cross, Umarkhadi (Chapel of ease to S. Peter).—Clergy: Rev. Father Moore; Rev. J. H. Lord and Rev. J. Londhe, 6-30 a.m. (English 7-30 a.m. (Marathi); 9 a.m. (Gujrathi) 4 p. (Canarese); 6-30 p.m (Marathi).

Church of the Good Shepherd, Dharavi by Sion Chapel of Ease to S. Paul—service by the clergy of St. Paul's 7-30 a. m. Holy Communion or matins alternately 5 30 p. m. Evensong and Sermon. Tamil services conducted by Rev. J Martyn.

St. Peter's, Mazagon.—6-30 a. m. Holy Eucharist 7-15 a.m. Matins, and Litany ; 8 a.m. Choral Eucharist ; 6-30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon. Alms for Church Expenses.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

R. C. Cathedral, Kalbadevie.—Vicar : Rev. Dr. B. De Monte. 7 and 8-30 a.m., Masses ; 5-30 p.m. Evening Service.

Holy Name, Wodehouse Road.—Clergy The Jesuit Fathers. 6 a.m.; 7 a.m., 8 a.m.; 9 a.m.; 6-30 p.m.

Garrison Church.—St. Joseph's.—Colaba—Chaplain, Rev. D. Ll. Lloyd-Thomas, M. A. Oxon:—Sunday, 8 a.m. Mass and Sermon ; 6-30 p.m. Service of Benediction. Week-days. Mass at 7 a.m

St. Ann's, Byculla.—Clergy : The Jesuit Fathers Vicar : Rev. Father Hutmacher, S. J. 6-30 a.m.; 7-30 a.m.; 8-30 a.m., 6-30 p.m.

Rosary Church, Mazagon. Vicar : Rev. M. X Gomes.—6-30 a. m. and 8-30 a. m. and 5-30 p. m Sunday services 6-30 a. m. and 7 a. m., week days

Gloria Church, Mazagon.—Vicar: Rev. L. C. Pera, Hours of Mass, 5-30, 7 and 9 a.m. Benediction, 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Church, Lower Parel—Clergy : Rev P. E. Saldanha and J. A. Gomes. 6 a.m., Mass ; 8 a.m., High Mass, 6 p.m., Benediction.

Church of N. S. de Salvacao, Dadar.—Vicar : Rev. Thomas Henriques. 6-45 and 9 a.m., Low Masses.

Cavel Church (Our Lady of Health). Vicar : Rev. M. D'Sa.—Mass 7 and 8-30 a.m.

Church of St. Francis Xavier, Dabul (Borrow's Lane), Girgaum Road.—Vicar: Rev. Fr. J. N. Coutinho.—5, 5-30, 6-30, 7-30, 8-30, 9-30 and 10-30 a.m., Masses; 6 p.m., Benediction.

St. Teresa's Chapel, Girgaum Tram Terminus.—Chaplain: Rev. D. Remedios.—6-30 a.m., and 7-30 a.m. (Children's Mass); 8-30 a.m.; 5-30 p.m., Evening Service.

Mount Mary's Chapel, Bandra Hill. Bandra.—9-30 a.m., Mass.

Chapel—Our Lady of Dolours. New Sonapur—Chaplain Rev. Daniel X. Fernandes, 7 a.m., Daily Mass; and on Sundays, 6 and 8 a.m. with Benediction of Blessed Sacrament.

PRESBYTERIAN.

St. Andrew's Church of Scotland.—Morning Service 9-30 a.m. ; Evening Service 6-30 p. m. Psalm 1, Hymns : 159, 308, 477.

United Free Church of Scotland, Wandby Road.—9-30 a.m., United Service in St. Andrew's Church; 5 p.m. Sunday School ; 6-30 p.m., Evening Service. Preacher the Rev. J. Mackenzie, M. A.

Amroli Presbyterian Church Girgaum Back Road, 8-30 a.m. Morning Service (English,) Preacher Rev. R. Macomish 4-30 p.m. Evening Service (Marathi) ; Preacher : Rev. M. B. Nikambe.

METHODIST.

Taylor Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Clare Road, Byculla. Pastor: Rev. C. B. Hill 8 15 a. m., Sunday School; 9-30 a. m., Morning Service 6-30 p. m. Evening Service, 8-30 p. m. Men's Social Hour.

Wesleyan Church, Colaba Causeway.—8-30 a. m Preacher : Rev. R. O. Jenkins; 6-30 p.m. Preacher : Rev. J. F. Edwards ; Sunday School, 5 p.m.; Social Hour, 9 to 10 p.m.

Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens.—10 a. m Preacher : Rev. J. F. Edwards; 6-30 p. m. Preacher : Rev. R. O. Jenkins; Sunday School, 5 p.m.

Bowen Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church Lansdowe Road, Apollo Bunder—Pastor: Rev. A. N. Warner. M. A. 11 a. m. Morning Service; Preacher Rev. A. N. Warner 6-30 p. m., Evening Service. Preacher Rev. A. N. Warner.

BAPTIST.

Bombay Baptist Church (opposite the Post Office, Middle Colaba)—Morning Service, 9 a. m. Evening Service 6-30 p. m. (Rev. H. E. Barrell.) Sunday School with Adult Bible Class, from 5 to 6 p.m. Pleasant Sunday evening open to all from 9 to 10 p. m.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. SIR HENRY PROCTER, A. D. C., COMMANDING.

Bombay, 4th Jan., 1913.

1. Orderly N C Officer for the week commencing from the 5th instant, Sergeant A E Baird.

2. The Range at Santa Cruz will be reserved for Class Firing this week end.

Train leaves Church Gate Station this Saturday afternoon at 1-10 p.m. and Sunday morning at 7 5 a.m.

3. Riding School for Recruits daily from 7-5 a.m.

4. Commanding Officer's Parade on Tuesday morning next the 7th instant. Rendezvous at Church Gate Station 7-30 a m punctually.

Dress—Drill Order Khaki, carbines, swords and bandoliers.

5. Wednesday next the 8th instant parade for Salsette Contigent Rendezvous on the flat near the Club at 7 a. m. punctually.—

Dress :—Mufti.

Regimental Saddles, Swords and Carbines.

(Sd.) D. W. WILSON, Lieut.
Actg. Adjutant, Bombay L. Horse.

BY THE MAIL.

Home, Colonial and Foreign Affairs.

THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The King and Queen visited the Strand Theatre on Dec. 16 to witness the performance of "The Glad Eye."

The King and Queen, with the Prince of Wales, left Buckingham Palace on Dec. 16 by motor car for Brocket Hall to visit Lord and Lady Mount Stephen. Before they set out their Majesties were visited by Queen Alexandra, who arrived about three o'clock, from Sandringham. Princess Victoria who accompanied Queen Alexandra to London, went direct to Marlborough House, and did not accompany her mother to the Palace.

The Queen has contributed to "Truth" Doll Show, which opened at the Albert Hall on Dec. 18, a group of three dolls entitled "Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle.

At Bolton Town Hall on Dec. 16 a memorial marble bust of King Edward was unveiled. Subscriptions amounting to £26,676 are in hand, and include the cost of the bust and of a new nurses' home erected in connection with the Bolton Infirmary. A balance of £14,000 is being devoted to infirmary improvements extensions. The bust is the work of Sir George Frampton.

In the Commons the Established Church (Wales) Bill was considered in Committee, the discussion proceeding on Clause 4, to which an amendment was moved by a Liberal member, Mr. France, the effect of which would have been to secure that while £126,000 of tithe rent-charge was taken from the Church, other funds which it was proposed to appropriate, representing about £47,000, would be left to her. The Home Secretary, in opposing the amendment, said that what the hon. member proposed to do was to leave to the Church a portion of the tithe, the whole of the glebe amounting to £34,000 a year, the Welsh portion of the Queen Anne's Bounty fund, amounting to £9,000 a year, and a further 6,000l. a year, representing the value of parliamentary grants. Mr. McKenna contended that no case had been made out to justify the surrender of these funds to the Church. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Lyttelton and Mr. Balfour spoke from the Unionist side, and Mr. Lloyd George and Sir J. Simon from the Government side. The amendment was negatived by 255 against 215, a Government majority of fifty. A few Liberals voted for the amendment. Clause 4 was added by 269 to 202, and progress was reported.

In the House of Commons on Dec. 16, the Established Church (Wales) Bill was further considered in Committee. Clause 5, which deals with the apportionment of the property of the Church in Wales by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and with Queen Anne's Bounty, was discussed, and, the guillotine coming into operation, the clause was carried by 291 to 162. Clause 6, which relates to the powers and liabilities of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty after disestablishment, was also discussed. The clause was added by 286 to 164, and progress was then reported.

On Dec. 17 the Established Church (Wales) Bill was further considered in Committee. Clause 7, which provides that any property given out of private resources since the year 1662 shall be deemed to be a private benefaction, was discussed. Mr. E. Cecil moved an amendment, the object of which was to leave to the Church all private benefactions, whatever the time in which they were given. On behalf of the Government it was contended that this amendment would leave to the Church in Wales practically all the endowments which it now possessed. The amendment was negatived by 271 to 144. On a subsequent amendment Mr. McKenna announced the willingness of the Government to make concessions on Clause 6, respecting funds from Queen Anne's Bounty. This announcement was received with strong protests from Welsh Radicals. The clause was added to the Bill, and progress was reported.

In the House of Commons on Dec. 18 Mr. Asquith, replying to Mr. Bonar Law, said that it was the intention of the Government to pass forthwith through all their remaining stage the Government of Ireland Bill the Established Church (Wales) Bill and the Franchise Bill. He hoped to complete the programme of business at comparatively early date in February but this would depend very much on the manner in which the time was utilised in all quarters of the House. The House again went into Committee on the Established Church (Wales) Bill. On Clause 8, in fulfilment of the promise of the previous night the Government accepted amendments to provide that the Church in Wales shall retain property which consists of or has been derived from grants by Queen Anne's Bounty. Sir D. Brynmor Jones expressed the disappointment of Welsh Radicals at the action of the Government, but said that what Wales demanded above all was religious equality, and they felt that financial questions must be subordinate. Therefore their attitude must be to support the Bill in its subsequent stages. The amendments were agreed to, and the debate on Clause 8 was adjourned. Progress was reported.

The Government were defeated on Dec. 17 in the Standing Committee which is considering the Bill to amend the law relating to pilotage. A clause of the Bill sought to empower the Board of Trade to charge areas in which pilotage is compulsory into non-compulsory areas, but by twenty-five votes to sixteen the Committee adopted an amendment deleting this proposal.

In announcing his resignation from the Blackburn Unionist Association Mr. Thomas Mercier, a prominent solicitor and anti-socialist author, states:—"I do not think the Unionist Party under the present regime can hope to reach the hearts of the intelligent, enlightened democracy such as exists in these Islands at the present day."

With the view to his becoming the prospective Unionist candidate for the Colne Valley division of Yorkshire, Mr. Charles Newhouse Armstrong, a son of the late Hon. James Armstrong, C. M. G. a Canadian barrister, who became Chief Justice of St. Lucia and St. Vincent, West Indies, has been invited to address a special meeting of the Colne Valley Central Conservative Association on his return to this country from Canada.

Mr. E. R. Holland, of Bechall Lodge, Saxmundham, has consented to become prospective Liberal candidate for the Stowmarket division of Suffolk.

Sir Charles D. Rose, M. P., has informed the Liberal association that he will not contest the Newmarket division of Cambridgeshire at the next General Election.

Mr. Bonar Law spoke at Ashton-under-Lyne on Dec. 16, devoting the greater part of his speech to an elaboration of the policy of the Unionist Party in regard to Tariff Reform. He explained, that the intention was to impose duties smaller than those imposed by any other country, and in so far as duties on food coming from the Colonies was concerned, to take no action until after a conference with the Colonies. If the Colonies did not regard them as essential for the purposes of Preference they would not be imposed.

The "Times" parliamentary correspondent states that Unionist opinion in the House of Commons on the policy enunciated by Mr. Bonar Law at Ashton-under-Lyne is not united, although he thinks it likely that, after a quiet discussion of the proposals regarding food duties, matters will tend to compose themselves. A somewhat similar divergence of opinion exists in the party in the country, a desire for the renewal of the Referendum pledge being still expressed in Lancashire and by Irish Unionist. Lord Carson of Kaslaston, speaking at York on Dec. 17, said:—I see the papers are very full with statements and speeches and speculations, which are often exceedingly minute and precise, as to what our party is going to do after the next election and when we have returned to power. That is a very interesting and fascinating exercise, but it seems to me a little premature. The people ought never again to be placed in the position in which they were placed by the present Government—that is, of returning a party to power on one issue, and then seeing all sorts of policies for which they had given no mandate introduced, pushed without discussion through the House of Commons, and forced into law by violent and unconstitutional means. That is a degradation of Parliament, a fraud upon the electorate, and a mortal blow to the Constitution. (Cheers.) It makes representative institutions a sham. But I am not clear that we gain much at the present moment by discussing in public the exact details of this or that measure, the precise limits or character of this or that tax. At any rate I shall not take part in that ingenious exercise to-night. To me it seems much more important to concentrate our efforts upon pointing out to the electorate the dangers of the continuance of the present system, and to endeavour to rally to our side all those sections of opinion which are disturbed and frightened by the plans of the present Government, and which need only a little encouragement to give us their support. I would agree to the postponement of some of my own most cherished ideals if I could thereby expedite the formation of a party of moderate men who would unite at the next election to save the country from a great and overwhelming danger.

Lord Selborne was the chief speaker on Dec. 14 at a Tariff Reform meeting held in the town Hall, Earlsown, Lord Wolmer, M.P., presided. Lord Selborne said that Mr. Lloyd George had stated that he intended to burst up the land system. Anyone could burst up a system—the mark of statesmanship was reconstruction. Mr. Lloyd George alluded to the number of Scotsmen who were going as emigrants every week from the Clyde and his ambition was to find room for them on the land in the United Kingdom. If he were to offer these men parcels of the best land in Scotland free they would not accept his offer; or, if they did, most of them would sell the Scottish land to invest the proceeds in agriculture in Canada. Why was that? Because agriculture in England produced a less reward than any other form of industry in respect of any labour or capital put into it. The income-tax returns showed how meagre were the profits of the farmers. There remained the rent, the so-called rent received by the landowners, but that was really not a rent in respect of the value of the land at all. What the landowner received was an uncommercial interest on the capital that he and his predecessors had put into the land before its natural productivity became available to the farmer. Agricultural land in England bore higher taxation than agricultural land anywhere else, and in the United Kingdom alone agriculture received no protection.

The Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1912, is now in operation, the royal assent having been given to the measure on Dec. 13. The power to arrest on suspicion without a warrant conferred on the police by the new Act will enable them to take prompt action in dealing with what is known as the "white slave" traffic; and in view of the completeness of the police organisation there will doubtless be no delay in bringing to justice many known procurresses, and "entreteneurs."

The suffragists have continued to wage war on the letter-boxes during the week, and hundreds of letters have been destroyed.

The sitting of the London County Council—the last before the Christmas recess—which began at half-past two o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 17, only concluded at a few minutes before 7 a.m. on the 18th. Lord Ampthill was in the chair during the whole time, and his endurance was equalled by two members of the public in the gallery, who sat, one in each corner, with a copy of the agenda before each, until the chairman had risen after having given a Christmas greeting to his colleagues and accepted their good wishes.

About 300 men of all grades attended a meeting of railway workers at Sheffield on Dec. 15. A resolution was passed unanimously stating that although the Board of trade had decided to hold an inquiry into the cases of alleged tranny and victimisation on the Midland Railway, those present were convinced, having regard to past intervention on the part of the Government and the Board of Trade, that nothing but determination on the part of the rank and file would get justice. The meeting again called upon the national executive to take steps for a national strike.

At the invitation of Lord Claud Hamilton, chairman of the Great Eastern Railway, a party of members of Parliament journeyed by special train on Dec 8 to Cantley, Norfolk, to inspect the newly-erected sugar factory of the Anglo-Netherland Sugar Corporation. The party, which was received by Mr. George L. Courthope, M. P., chairman of the Corporation, included the Right Hon. Allwyn Fellowes. The Corporation, it is stated, recently distributed to the trade a quantity of sugar manufactured from beets grown in East Anglia.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has made various presentations to the engineers and electricians of the "Carpathia" for their services at the time of the "Titanic" disaster. Mr. A. Johnstone, chief engineer, received a substantial cheque and a silver tea and coffee service and punch bowl. The other engineers received gold watches with suitable inscriptions and monograms. A cheque for £48, was also presented to the sailors' and Firemen's Union to be divided among the forty-eight greasers, firemen, and trimmers if the men could be found, failing which the money will be devoted to the Union's sick fund.

The King sent a message to the members of the London branch of the Institute of Journalists, who held their annual dinner in the Connaught Rooms on Dec. 14. His Majesty expressed his appreciation of the debt of the public to those who follow "the strenuous and exciting career of journalism." Col. Seely was the guest of the evening.

In confirmation of the views expressed as to the risk of serious interference with the foundations of St. Paul's Cathedral by the construction of the proposed shallow subway in connection with tramways over the new St. Paul's Bridge, for which parliamentary powers are being sought, the "Builder says":—The danger threatened the stability of St. Paul's Cathedral by the construction of the proposed tram subway is no idle scare, but a well-founded note of warning sounded by those in a position to speak with authority.

In observance of custom some centuries old the the City Corporation have recently despatched a gift of what is called "livery cloth" to certain officers of State and other officials.

A letter from the King, expressing his appreciation of the work of King Edward's Hospital Fund, was read at the annual meeting of the governor and council of the Fund, held at St James's Palace on Dec. 18. Although the income is less satisfactory this year than last year, the same amount, 157,500l is being distributed—151,000lb to London hospitals and 6,500lb to convalescent homes—the balance required to make up this total being drawn from the surpluses of previous years.

The Thames Conservancy Board have now under consideration a comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the river by means of works for the relief of flooding and the provision of a better fall to the sea. It is understood that the scheme would involve heavy expenditure, probably hundreds of pounds. The board have no funds available for the work, and when the scheme is complete it is to be submitted to all the local authorities and riparian owners in crested. It is hoped that by general consent steps may be taken to raise the sum required which if spread over the very large area under the jurisdiction of the Board would not entail a very heavy burden upon the ratepayers.

An unusually warm air spread over England on Dec. 14 from the south-westward. As early as 7 A.M. the thermometer was as high as 55 deg. in London and many parts of the Midland and northern counties, the highest readings reported to the Meteorological Office being one of 58 deg. at North Shields and 57 deg. at Nottingham. The thermometer was at that hour from 15 deg. to 20 deg above its average level for the time of year. Very little subsequent rise took place, but at Shields the thermometer touched 59 deg., while at Nottingham it rose to 58 deg. The records for the previous thirty-six years give only one instance of as mild a December day in the localities mentioned.

The Aberdeen Art Gallery Committee have been enabled, through the generosity of Mrs. Arthur Melville, to acquire for an almost nominal price the drawing by the late Arthur Melville, A. R. S. A (1856-1904), know as "Bandeilleros a Phell."

What appears to be a record in marine engineering has been created by Messrs. John Brown and Company, who during the present year have constructed machinery of 178,500 indicated horse-power for seven vessels. So far as is known, there are not likely to be any figures this year to equal these. The Clydebank figures are accounted for by the fact that the firm have been exceedingly busy with warship work.

COLONIAL.

AUSTRALIA.

Mr. McGowan, the Premier of New South Wales accompanied by Mr. Holman, Attorney-General, Mr. Eiden, Secretary for Mines, and Mr. Griffith Secretary for Public Works, on Dec. 14 declared the grounds of Government House open to the public. Several thousand persons were present. The Premier's address was interrupted by cheering and hooting. Mr. Henley, a member of the Legislative Assembly, made a speech protesting against the action of the Government in closing Government House as an official residence of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth. His remarks were drowned by hooting and counter-cheers.

The Bill to amend the Immigration Restriction Act was read a third time in the Commonwealth House of Representatives on Dec. 13. The Bill provides for the establishment of Commonwealth medical bureaux in places outside Australia and the compulsory examination of all intending immigrants whether assisted passengers or not.

CANADA.

A Bill to revise the Bank Act was introduced in Parliament on December 17. The most important change is the proposal to establish a central gold reserve at some central point, probably Montreal. The bank may deposit gold and issue notes against it in whole or in part. The effect, it is hoped, will be to build up a big gold reserve in Canada.

It is announced that a telegram has been received from the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada advising that it has signed an agreement with the Newfoundland Government under which the Canadian company is granted exclusive rights for wireless telegraph stations until the year 1926. A number of coast stations are to be erected forthwith, in connexion with which the company is to receive a Government subsidy.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Under the new freight agreement the shipowners undertake to maintain the steamship services as in the past at the present rates of freight, but it is provided that, should an advance be necessary owing to great increase in working costs, the rates on the various classes of goods may be raised by certain specified amounts. Should the shipowners find that the increases are not adequate, they will be able to discuss the question of a further advance with the merchants, and, failing a satisfactory agreement, the matter is to be referred to arbitration. Provision is also made for the withdrawal, on notice being given, of the Union-Castle Company, though in such an event the agreements will still hold good among the other signatories. The agreement is to be maintained for a year, and six months' notice must be given should it be decided to terminate the arrangement, provided that stability of freights is secured. Should the objects of the agreement, however, not be obtained the agreement may be broken on three months' notice.

CHINA.

A Conference of the Six-Power Groups was held in London on Dec. 13 and 14 last attended by the representatives of the British, French, German, American, Russian, and Japanese groups. The object of the Conference was to consider the proposal made by the Chinese Government to the representatives of the groups in Peking for a loan of £25,000,000 to be devoted to reorganisation purposes. As the result of their deliberations the Conference was unanimously of opinion that, subject to modification in detail, the proposals afforded a suitable basis for negotiation and decided to instruct their Peking representatives accordingly. The following institutions and firms will in future form the British Group of the Six Power banking combination:—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Baring Brotoers and Co. (Limited). J. H. Schroder and Co., London County and Westminster Bank, Parr's Bank (Limited). It is understood that the Orient group is prepared to forgo the issuing of the second portion of the loan, recently arranged, and to pay in advance, subject to interest charges, the remaining two millions sterling of the five millions loan to enable China to meet the arrears of the Boxer indemnity on January 1. The price for this accommodation is stated to be between one and two hundred thousand pounds.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

There has been considerable speculation whether M. Leon Bourgeois would consent to come forward as a candidate for the Presidency, M. Painleve, the Socialist Deputy for Paris has been authorized by M. Bourgeois to announce that although M. Bourgeois greatly appreciates the honour which his friends would like to show him, the state of his health absolutely forbids that he should assume the onerous duties of President.

It is announced that the Minister of War has adopted a new type of gun for horse artillery. Since 1900 French exports have been searching for a 75 mm gun light enough to be thoroughly serviceable with cavalry. After many experiments in the State arsenals it was decided in 1911 to invite the services of private industry, and two types of light guns from the Creusot works were tested at the last manœuvres in the west. It is one of these which has now been adopted. The new gun will weigh about half a ton less than the present 75mm. weapon. Orders have been placed for 80 guns of the new type and they are to be ready in July next in time for the grand manœuvres of 1913.

The "Journal des Debats" learns that the Comte Franqueville, a member of the Institute, has sold the historic chateau of La Muette at Passy, close to one of the entrances to the Bois de Boulogne, to M. Bloch Levallois.

A Presidential decree was signed on Dec 14 appointing General Maunoury, member of the Council of War, as Military Governor of Paris in succession to General Michel, who has reached the age limit. The new Governor has a long record in war and in the administrative services. He participated in the fighting during the siege of Paris, and was severely wounded at Champigny.

GERMANY.

The trial was finished Dec. 16 of Wolferling, who until lately was a non-commissioned officer at Thorn and was charged with the betrayal of military secrets to Russia. No details of the case have been published, but it is stated that the prisoner has in addition to a sentence of 15 years' penal servitude been fined £750, and that the State has confiscated his bank deposits at Thorn to the amount of £3,750.

In a casual remark at the end of a long discussion of the Reichstag debate on the Estimates the "North German Gazette" indicates that, "in view of the world situation," further expenditure on the Army will be "inevitable." In the same issue the Government organ denies that differences have arisen between the Prussian Minister of War and the Secretary of State for the Imperial Treasury.

An explosion of firedamp, involving heavy loss of life, occurred on Wednesday in a coal mine called "Minister Achenbach," at Mengede, north of Dortmund. Advices from Mengede states that 43 dead and 13 injured have been brought up.

The diocese of Genoa has been placed by the Pope under a partial interdict, which prohibits for the time being the celebration of festivals with the customary splendour and the administration of certain religious rites in the ordinary way. Difficulties arose when on the nomination of Mgr. Caron as Archbishop of Genoa, the Italian Government refused to issue the necessary exequatur. This refusal was attributed by the Vatican to the intrigues of Genoese Modernists, who were undoubtedly annoyed at the removal to Brussels of the well-known and popular preacher, Father Semeria.

PORTUGAL.

For the last month or so there has been a latent crisis in the Cabinet, due to the Democratic Party's disagreement with the procedure of the Government. Some politicians are credited with contemplating the forcible overthrow of the Government in order to establish a military dictatorship. Official circles, however, declare that the troops are under arms, and that all necessary measures have been taken to ensure absolute order.

A large dynamite bomb burst Dec. 18 close to the Central Railway Station in Lisbon. One man, apparently the owner of the bomb was badly injured and was carried to hospital in a serious condition. A serious explosion has also occurred in the Government gunpowder factory at Obellas. One man was killed.

SWITZERLAND.

The Federal Assembly have elected M. Edouard Muller, of Berne, President of the Confederation, by 184 votes out of a possible 196. He was born in 1848, and is a Radical and a colonel in the Army. M. Arthur Hoffmann, of St. Gall, was elected Vice-President. He was born in 1867, and is also a Radical and a colonel.

UNITED STATES.

Much refreshed with a month's vacation Dr. Woodrow Wilson, with his family, returned safely from Bermuda on December 16. He declined to say anything about politics or the formation of his Cabinet, except for a declaration that no selections for the Cab net will be made yet.

As a result of testimony given before the Aldermanic investigating committee by women of the unfortunate class, in which it is alleged that a system of graft incriminating the police was disclosed, Justice Goff has ordered an extraordinary grand jury to begin an inquiry into vice.



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INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

The New Delhi.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Dec. 16. Mr. King asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether the estimate of £4,000,000 which has been made of the amount to be expended by the Government of India on the new Delhi is adhered to; and, if so, whether a statement of such estimated expense can be given, distinguishing the sums for purchase of ground, for laying out, draining, and clearing the site, for building Government House, for building other Government buildings, and for fittings and furniture.

Mr. H. Baker: In the course of the Budget discussion in the Legislative Council the Viceroy, on March 25 last, stated that he had good reason to believe that with proper care and suppervision the sum of £4,000,000 sterling would be in the end but little, if at all, exceeded by the time the city is built. The Secretary of State is not aware of any fresh circumstance suggesting a modification of this figure, but no detailed estimates of expenditure under different heads are as yet available.

COMMISSION FOR PLACING LOANS.

On Tuesday Dec. 17 Col. Yate asked the Financial Secretary to the War Office, as representing the Secretary of State for India: Whether any percentage commission has been paid to Mr. Horace H. Scott, of the firm of Messrs. R. Nivison & Co., for placing loans to banks and firms from the balances in the hand of the Secretary of State; if so, what was the percentage and what is the total aggregate amount of such commission that has been paid for each year since 1908 up to date; whether the firm of Messrs. R. Nivison and Co. either promote companies or underwrite; and whether Mr. Scott was formerly a partner of Messrs. Sheppards and Co., a firm on the list of approved borrowers.

Mr. H. Baker: In 1904, when Mr. Scott was appointed by Mr. Brodrick, the commission payable was 5 per cent. on the interest obtained. In 1909, when deposits with banks were first made, the commission was fixed at 1 per cent. on the interest. From June 1911 the rate on loans was reduced by the present Secretary of State to 2 1-2 per cent. up to £5,000 in any one year, and 1 1-4 per cent. beyond, the rate on deposits being unaltered. The firm of Messrs. R. Nivision and Co. arrange for the underwriting of Indian, Colonial, and other loans. They have never promoted companies. When Mr. Scott was appointed by Mr. Brodrick he was a member of the firm of Messrs. Sheppards, Pelly, and Co., which had been on the Borrowing List since 1859. He left that firm in 1905. The interest earned and the payments to the broker in each year since 1908 are:

	Interest Earned.	Payments to Broker.
1908	£52,828	£2,642
1909	127,909	6,396
1910	367,352	12,728
1911	408,433	10,544
1912(upto Dec. 14)	428,457	7,958

IMPRISONMENT OF MR. ARNOLD.

Mr. Kellaway asked the Under Secretary of State for India; if Mr. Channing Arnold is still in prision in Burma for having in his newspaper charged Mr. Andrews, the magistrate at Mergui, with having shown partiality in his conduct of the trial of Capt. McCormick on a charge of abduction and rape; and whether he proposes to hold an inquiry into the facts of the case.

Mr. Kellaway also asked the Under Secretary of State for India: If he is aware of the indignation which is left in Burma and India at the conduct of Mr. Andrew, the magistrate at Mergui, who conducted the trial of a planter, Capt. McCormick, charged with the rape and abduction of a native girl of about twelve years of age; whether he is aware that the mother of the child petitioned for the removal of the trial from Mr. Andrew's court on the ground of his known friendship for McCormick, but that, in spite of this appeal, Mr. Andrew persisted in hearing the case; that the mother appealed for a pleader on the ground that she was too poor to fee counsel; that this appeal was also refused, and the mother and child were unrepresented; if he is aware that the man employed by Mr. Andrew to interpret the evidence of the mother and child was a paid servant of Capt. McCormick; that the chief witness for the abduction was sent to China before the trial could come on; that McCormick admitted detaining the child in his bungalow for three months, during which time he examined her and treated her for gonorrhœa, justifying, this conduct by the plea that he had bought her for Rs. 30; if he is aware that Mr. Andrew acquitted McCormick, and immediately afterwards entertained him; and whether the Secretary of State for India will at once order an inquiry into the conduct of the trial.

Mr. Morrell asked the Secretary of State for India. Whether he is proposing to make an inquiry into the case of Mr. Channing Arnold, who was recently sentenced to a year's imprisonment in Burma for alleged defamation of a European majistrate; and if so, when such inquiry will be held.

Mr. Morrell also asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether he is aware that Mr. Channing Arnold is suffering seriously in health as a result of his imprisonment in Burma; and whether in view of the public feeling that has been aroused with regard to this case throughout India and Burma and the doubts that exist as to the justice of the sentence, he will direct that Mr. Arnold should be released on bail pending a full inquiry.

Mr. H. Baker said; It has been ascertained by telegraph that the statement that Mr. Arnold's health is suffering from imprisonment is incorrect. As regards the suggestion that Mr. Arnold should be released on bail pending the Privy Council hearing, and the proposal for an inquiry, I would refer hon. members to the remarks I made on the adjournment on Nov. 26, but I would add that the Secretary of State has since been in constant communication with the Government of India as to the best means of bringing the question of bail to a speedy decision. My noble friend has just learned that Mr. Arnold has not yet appealed to the Privy Council, but it is possible that he may do so. If there is to be no such appeal, the question of temporary release on bail will not arise, and the Secretary of State will consider in consultation with the Government of India the question of the severity of the sentence passed. But it is clearly impossible to go into the nature of the sentence so long as there is uncertainty whether the prisoner does or does not intend to appeal to the highest judicial tribunal against the correctness of his conviction.

Mr. T. E. Harvey asked whether in the meantime it would be possible for Mr. Arlond to be supplied with food from outside the prison and to have access to newspapers.

Mr. H. Baker said he would make inquires.

Mr. J. Ward asked whether the facts in one of the questions to which the hon. gentleman had replied were admitted.

Mr. H. Baker replied that it was very difficult to give an answer to these facts when the matter was still sub judice. It was not at all certain that Mr. Arlond was going to appeal. If the was going to appeal it would be very improper to give an answer to those facts.

ARMING THE ROYAL INDIAN MARINE.

Col. Yate asked the Prime Minister: Whether he will consider the question of giving permission to the Government of India to arm the vessels of the Royal Indian Marine, so as to enable the Royal Indian Marine to take their share in the police and patrol work of the Persian Gulf and Indian Sea and to afford the people of India an opportunity of helping to strengthen the Imperial naval forces in Eastern waters.

Mr. Acland. Until the recommendations of Admiral Slade's committee have been fully considered it would be premature to discuss this question of armaments.

PURCHASE OF SILVER.

Mr. R. Gwynne asked how much silver was purchased by the India Office through Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. between the early part of August when, as officially stated, it was well known in the market that they were buying for the Goverment, and Oct. 30, when the Bank of England was instructed to purchase silver on their behalf.

Mr. H. Baker: The Secretary of State cannot find that any such official statement as is alleged has been made. The hon. member is presumbly referring to an answer I gave him on Nov. 27, in which I said that their was, at the time of the first shipment on Aug. 9, a report that the Government had been buying. This report, however, was based on conjecture, as the hon. member will see if he refers to Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid's bullion circular of Aug. 9. After the date mentioned £2,000,000 was ordered and purchased through Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co.

Mr. R. Gwynne asked why if secrecy was the reason for purchasing silver through Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. the purchases were not discontinued from this firm early in August, when it became well known in the market that they were buying on behalf of the Government, instead of waiting till Oct. 30 to place the orders with the Bank of England, after the transactions with Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co; had been disclosed in this House.

Mr. H. Baker: Orders were given to the firm mentioned at various dates up to Sept. 11, because it was believed that they would be executed on advantageous terms, a belief which was justified by the fact that £4,000,000 was bought in less than a month, mostly from outside the United Kingdom with very little rise in price.

THE NEW DELHI.

Mr. King asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether the land scheduled under the Land Acquisition Act round Delhi includes the whole area likely to be needed for the laying out of the new capital of the Indian Empire; or whether the change of site from the Durbar site to the south-west of the city will result in an increased expenditure for the acquisition of land.

Mr. H. Baker: The answer to the first question is in the affirmative.

Mr. King asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether it is intended, in connection with the new Delhi, to plan and carry out an extension of the Indian city; if so, whether any report has been made on the subject; and what steps are contemplated to carry out this proposal.

Mr. H. Baker: In laying out the area of the new captian the town-planning committee will, it is understood, provide for the extension of existing Delhi. But no definite scheme has yet been drawn up, as the committee have still to submit their matured proposals.

Mr. King also asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether he will now carry out the undertaking that the report of the committee on the site and buildings of the new Delhi will be published at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. H. Baker: The Secretary of State is in communication with the Government of India on the subject.

Mr. King asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether he still adheres to the policy announced by him on the Indian Budget, on the 30th July last, that architects for the various Government buildings of the new Delhi will be selected by competition from a wide field; and, if this policy is still maintained, when steps will be taken to announce the terms of the competition.

Mr. H. Baker: Until the planning of the new capital has been finally settled, and the requirements of the Government of India in respect of public buildings have been ascertained, the Secretary of State is not in a position to make a statement as to the selection of architects. He hopes to give effect to the principle of competition, but the subject is not free from difficulties in the special circumstances that exist at Delhi.

BELVEDERE.

Sir J. D. Rees asked the Under Secretary of State for India: If he will state to what use Belvedere is now put.

Mr. H. Baker: The hon. member was informed on Oct, 24 last, that Belvedere was being used temporarily for the Victoria Memerial collections. The Secretary of State has no information that there has been any change.

DEATH OF CAPT. ECKFORD.

Sir E Grey, in reply to Sir J. D. Rees, who inquired whether the right hon. gentleman could give any further information regarding the circumstances under which Capt. Eckford met his death in the neighbourhood of Shiraz, states: A code telegram has been received from his Majestes Consul at Shiraz giving the following account of the incident, drawn up by Major Kettlewell: "Party consisted of Kettlewell, Eckford, one native officer, twenty-six sowars, seventeen followers, and seventeen baggage mules. They started from Khanehzinian at seven a.m., December 11, half an hour after a party of about 150 Persian soldiers, who were marching down road independently. Twelve men were told off as baggage guards, remainder with officer as advance guard. As the bridge over Kazaghch River. Persian officer of the gendarmerie, with two monted gendarmes who had accompanied Kettlewell to the river, galloped on ahead to inspect gendarmeri Birjitinury, on the to of the Sinihsafid Pass. Kettlewell also sent on ahead native officer and two sowars to prepare quarters at Dastarjin. Scouts were also posted on wooded hills on the left flank. After short halt party proceeded. Road here runs through jungle for about 1 1-4 miles. Two officers, accompanied by six or seven sowars, had passed beyond jungle, and, just as leading mules were appearing from jungle, hot fire was opened by a party from hills on left. Advanced, galloped ahead, got under cover, dismounted, and started to climb hill. It was difficult to discover enemy through thick jungle, but shots were exchanged, and it is now that Eckford was shot through heart. A few minutes after, Kettlewell saw from crest of ridge 150 to 200 men rush out from bottom of ravine below towards river bank. His men fired on them, but they quickly disappeared in the jungle. Meanwhile swars of baggage guard had crossed to north bank of river and taken up position in low hills. They report that smaller body of robbers joined attack also from the north. Kettlewell now collected men with him, descended hills, and crossed river-bed, taking Eckford's body with him. They joined other party, and native officer and two swars who had gone ahead also rejoined party here. Meanwhile robbers appear to have made of over hills northwards with the booty. Whole party then returned to Khanehzinian, moving by north bank of river. During this movement some fifteen to twenty horsemen were seen on hills to north and shots exchanged. Kettlewell states that he saw no caravan litter at caravahserai at Khanehzinan or on road. Small party of Persians, with three of four mules, who left Serai after sowars had started were robbed, and their mules taken. They returned to Serai on foot where Kettewell saw them but he had not seen them on road. Kettlewel also states that beyond the firing no attempt was made to attack his small party Robbers were apparently only out for plunder and cleared off at one when they had seized mules. As to the Persian officer when he reached Burjitimuri brought his men back along crest of hills and it was there that they were wounded Kettlewell only saw them in the distance proving hills to south when he was returning towards Khanehzinian."

THE IMPRISONMENT OF MR. ARNOLD.

On Thursday, Dec. 19.—Sir J. D. Rees asked the Under Secretary of State for India: Whether the Secretary of State is aware that Mr. Channing Arnold was found guilty by the judge of the chief Court of Burma, Sir Charles Fox, and a jury of the offence of libelling Mr. Andrews, the magistrate of Mergui, in having accused him of corruptly exercising his powers; whether he is aware that public feeling in India and Burma has been aroused in regard to these attacks upon the honesty of the judiciary of the courts inBurma; and whether the Secretary of State will abstain from giving any colourable support to such agitation by refraining from taking any action in favour of Mr. Arnold till he has received a full report upon the case.

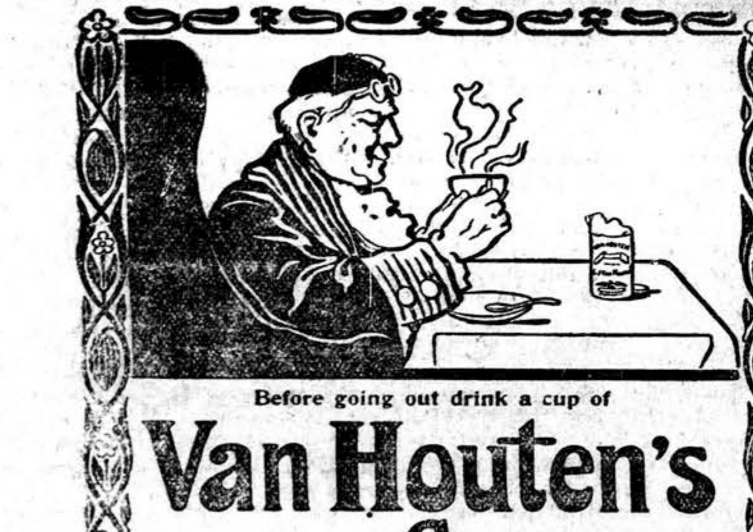
Mr. H. Baker: I have nothing to add to the remarks I made recently on the adjournment and the answer given on the 17th instant.

Mr. C. Bathurst asked the Under Secretary of State for India: If he will state how long it is proposed to wait on the chance of Mr. Channing Arnold deciding to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Burma court sentencing him to twelve months' imprisonment before the Government of India will conduct an inquiry into the question of the undue severity of his sentence.

Mr. Morrell asked the Under Secretary of State for India Whether he can give any further information as to the case of Mr. Arnold.

Mr. H. Barker: I will answer these two questions together. The question raised by the hon. member for the Wilton Division. is one that at present rests with Mr. Arnold himself, but his advocate has promised further information, which will be at once telegraphed to the Secretary of State. The Burma Chief Court has dismissed the application for the revision of the acquittal of Capt. McCormick. That application involved the matters which led to Mr. Arnold's conviction for defamation. The proceedings of the Court have been called for by the Government of India, who, on their receipt, will examine the whole case on its merits. As regards Mr. Arnold's treatment in prison, the rules allow considerable privileges to educated prisoners undergoing simple imprisonment and the Secretary of State is confident that they are being satisfactorily interpreted.

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OLD ENDOWMENTS AND MODERN NEEDS.

[BY A. C. BENSON.]

The President of the London Teachers' Association, Mr. H. J. Wood, gave an interesting address a short time ago on the subject of educational endowments. He pointed out that many old foundations which were intended to provide education for the poor had passed gradually into the hands of the rich. He instanced Eton as one of these foundations, but it is true that it is not quite fair to quote the case of Eton with qualification for while it is true that it was intended to educate the poor, it ought to be said that it was also intended to educate boys solely and entirely for the priesthood. Eton was not originally meant to be a place of secular education, but a place of ecclesiastical education. The singular thing, however, is that the reason why such endowments have tended to fall into the hands of the wealthier class has not only not been the result of attempting to secure a system of privilege and influence, but the result of a direct attempt to abolish such privilege; For centuries, places on the Eton foundation were given on the nomination of the Fellows of the College, and the change that was made in the last century—namely, the abolition of nomination, which had been somewhat abused, and the establishment of a system of open competition—was intended to be a democratic change. But the reason why such endowments have fallen to the wealthier professional classes is simply that an open competition has led insensibly to the selection of boys whose parents can afford to pay for an elaborate preparatory education.

No one, of course, would wish such endowments to be given to boys purely and simply on the grounds of poverty. Some selection by promise and ability must be made, and it must obviously be contrived that boys selected for educational endowments should be boys capable of profiting by such education. It might be possible to exclude boys whose parents could afford to pay for their education without assistance, but that is a very difficult matter to arrange. There are many professional men with good incomes and large families, who cannot afford to make much provision for their families, and whose income depends solely upon their own exertions. To such men, who feel that if they were at any time incapacitated from work they could not afford to educate their children well, it is natural to seek if possible, for some guarantee that their children's education will not be liable to being suddenly suspended; and this is just what an endowment secures.

A difficulty, too, is sure to occur in the case of schools and universities which are liable to be frequented by the rich, because even though the authorities keep anxiously in view the diminution of extravagance and the avoidance of a luxurious standard of living, it is impossible to prohibit altogether the providing by parents of comforts to which a boy is accustomed; and thus the standard of expense must remain somewhat high in such places, unless the children of the well-to-do are excluded from schools and colleges altogether. However desirous one may be, as I for one most wholeheartedly am, to secure the best possible opportunities for able boys of poorer parents. I am not prepared to advocate the exclusion of the wealthier classes from the advantages of education. There must be schools and universities to which the children of wealthier parents can go; and it is difficult to keep the expenses of such institutions down to such a level that the children of poorer parents can freely participate in the life of the place on inadequate means.

But the problem is one which is anxiously engaging the attention of the authorities at places like Cambridge. I am myself desirous, and many of my colleagues are desirous, that all promising boys of whatever class and whatever means should be able to enjoy the benefits of Cambridge. There is not the slightest desire to guard privilege, or to exclude ability on social grounds; the feeling is indeed just the opposite. At my own college, for instance, Magdalene, we not only, of course, take the best men we can get by open competition, but we endeavour, by arranging special terms, and diminishing expenses, to make it possible for men of inadequate means to enter. Moreover, we make grants from our funds to assist poorer students, and we make money grants, out of benefactions given by private donors for that very purpose, to men who find it difficult to meet the expenses of their education. Indeed I can unhesitatingly say that any promising boy of any class whatever, who can compete on equal terms of ability with other candidates, would find, at Cambridge, his path smoothed in material matters in every possible way. It may be just to say that poorer boys may not be able to obtain, before they come to compete at the university, a sufficiently complete education to enable them to succeed in competition with boys who have been more elaborately educated. But it is not fair to say that the older universities do not do all that they can to make themselves accessible to poorer students, and to secure the full benefits of their education to all who reach the requisite standard of ability.

The main difficulty is lower down. Of course for boys of exceptional ability a good deal of provisions is made by County Councils, to see that they enjoy the best possible opportunities of secondary education. The difficulty is rather to secure such opportunities of secondary education. The difficulty is rather to secure such opportunities for boys of fair ability, who could do well enough if only they could be adequately subsidized. There must; of course, be intellectual tests; but when it comes to dealing with a great public school like Eton, it is hard to say what system, short of the entire confiscation of revenues, would avail; while Eton is frequented by the sons of wealthier people, it would be difficult to establish at the school a section of boys who come from a wholly different class. To begin with, though the endowment makes it possible for boys of very far from wealthy professional parents to be educated at Eton through a scholarship, the scholarship does not by any means cover a boy's expenses. The essence of the situation is that there should be no favour. But to exclude the sons of professional parents from the benefits of Eton scholarships would be to show favour to poorer on the grounds of poverty and not on grounds of ability. There are many men in the world who have been enabled to do well by getting an Eton education, whose parents certainly could not have afforded to send them there without assistance. I think it quite possible that in the future some part of such endowments may justly be diverted to meet the needs of democratic education; but I neither desire to penalize the professional classes, nor to deprive the wealthier classes of the benefits of education. What I do desire with all my heart to see is the system which Mr. Wood eloquently defended, a system which should give a first-rate secondary education to all boys who are capable of benefiting by it, and which should carry on such boys with adequate resources to a university. But whatever happens, school and universities frequented by the sons of wealthier parents will be bound to have a higher standard of expenses, unless one is prepared to do what at the present time would be impracticable, and run all educational institutions on a barracksystem of Spartan simplicity without the smallest reference either to class or means.

The social question intervenes at every point. It is not fair to say that only the rich are exclusive. A differentiation begins from the very bottom. There are plenty of poor and respectable parents, who would even be ready to blame the rich for their undemocratic exclusiveness, who yet would strongly object to sending their children to a school of which the bulk of pupils were riff-raff guttersnipes. There is hardly a class in England which does not think itself superior to some other class. Quite apart from social superiority, what parent faces with equanimity the prospect of sending his child to be brought up with children whose moral standard he believes to be low and degraded? I do not for a moment claim a higher moral standard for the children of the wealthy. But there is a differentiation of moral standards; and it is not true democracy to insist that children carefully brought up shall be educated with children whose circumstances may have exposed them to moral contamination. And if it is once admitted that any class, however lowly, has the right to try and safeguard children from the influence of companionship which they believe to be undesirable, the same latitude must be allowed all up the line. This is not snobbery at all; it is a perfectly natural desire not to expose children at an impressionable age to less refined standards than the home standards. The whole essence of true democracy is not to reduce everyone to the lowest level, but to give everyone the chance of rising above it.

What the nation can do and must do is to insist that more money shall be spent on education. What can be done is to make the teaching profession a real and attractive career for intelligent and sensible men and women. The more that this is done, the more can ability and promise be discerned and encouraged.

But I should like to assure Mr. Wood that so far from there being a tendency at the universities to confine education to privileged classes, there is a strong movement now on foot to discourage and prevent endowments from passing into wealthy hands, and to make it possible for any and every boy of promise and character to obtain the full benefits of ancient endowments to meet our modern needs.

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CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

The market for coal shares ruled firmer, with inquiry on a more extensive scale, resulting in a considerable volume of business; higher prices in many instances being paid.

Jute shares ruled quiet but steady. The jute market to-day was quite steady at Rs. 61, but business was not done on any large scale, he mills still holding off.

In the gunny market there was a lot of inquiry for all sorts, both hessians and heavy goods, but not a great deal of result in business, especially in hessians, for which sellers asked more money.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEERS.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.
REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY COLONEL
R. W. L. DUNLOP, V. D.

Bombay, 4th Jan. 1913.

5 Parades—Maxim Gun.—The 2nd Class of "G" Company will parade at the Gymkhana at 7 a m on Monday the 6th instant,

II.—The Maxim Gun Class of "A" Company will parade at Head Qrs Council Road, at 7 a m on Tuesday the 7th and Thursday the 9th instant.

6. Camp of Instruction.—It is notified for information that the Annual Training Camp will be held from the 1st to 8th February 1913.

7. Meeting—There will be a meeting at head-Quarters at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 7th inst, to re-organise the Corps Rifle Club.

All former members of the Club and other members of the Corps who are interested in Rifle or Revolver shooting are invited to attend.

8 Proficiency Class—A Proficiency Class will be held on Monday the 6th instant at 7 p m at Head Quarters, Council Road.

(Sd.) F. H. JAMES, Captain
Offg. Adjt., B. V. R.

NOTICE.

The Corps sports will be held on the Marine Lines ground on Saturday the 11th January 1913.

Programme can be obtained from Officers Commanding Cos. or on application at Head-Quarters.

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.
REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL
THE HON'BLE A. HILL TREVOR COMMANDING

Bombay, 4th Jan., 1913.

3. Leave.—The Officer commanding is pleased to grant leave of absence for 6 (six) months from 1st January 1913 to the undernamed :—

Gunner G B Reid No 2 Company.

4. Resignations.—The undernamed having resigned is struck off the strength of the Corps from 31st December 1912 :—

Gunner A A Webb No. 2 Company.

5. Corps Meeting.—There will be a meeting of all members of the Corps at the Head Quarters on Thursday the 9th instant.

Subject :—(Regimental Institute).

All members are specially requested to attend.

322, Parades—Saturday 4th January 1913. Nos 1 and 2 Companies will parade at Mahalurmi Battery at 5-15 p.m. for 6-inch B. L. C. Gun Drill.

Train leaves Colaba at 4-50 p.m. and Church Gate at 4-55 p.m.

Cyclists go direct to the Battery.

Dress—Khaki with Helmets.

(Sd.) E. P. CUDLIP, Capt., R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

NOTICE.

Match 5 B V A Rifle Association will be fired at Ghat koper on Sunday next.

Train leaves Victoria Terminus at 6-45 a.m. and Colaba 6-30 a.m.

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SPORT AT HOME.

RACING.

The Lingfield Park December Meeting was begun on Dec. 13. The Winter Handicap Hurdle Race was won by Mr. Ashdown's Dick Dunn and the Southern Counties Handicap Steeplechase by Mr. Miss's Glen Heston. The meeting was concluded on Dec. 14. The Open Hunter's Handicap Steeplechase was won by Mr. D. Faber's Balsham, and the Hever Hurdle Handicap by Mr. K. Arbuthnot's Dark Collar.

The Garswood Handicap Hurdle Race at Haydock Park on Dec. 16 was won by Sore Toes. Dark Collar won the Sussex Handicap Hurdle Race at Plumpton.

The winners at Haydock Park on Dec. 17 were Borough Marsh, Carnforth, Legalite, Brigand's Daughter, Beau Idea, and Skylark VII.

The famous racehorse, Common, died on Dec. 17 at the King's Court Stud, Chelmsford, Essex, at the age of twenty-four years.

The Ramsgate Handicap Steeplechase was won at Folkestone on Dec. 18 by Mr. C. Leveson-Gower's Violet Charlesworth. At Derby, the Derbyshire Handicap Steeplechase was won by Balida.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

The international trial match between teams representating the North and South of Scotland on the University Park ground at St. Andrews on Dec. 14 ended in a victory for the North by 2 tries (6 points) to 0. The feature of the game was the excellent play of the North forwards, who from the start showed a marked superiority over their opponents.

South Africa played their third International match at Cardiff on Dec. 14, when they beat Wales by 3 points to 0; Oxford University beat Glasgow by 23 points to 13; Swansea beat Cambridge University at Swansea by 27 points to 8; Harlequins beat Old Merchant Taylors by 31 points to 8.

Edinburgh Academicals beat Oxford University at Edinburgh on Dec. 16, by 26 points to 5.

Cambridge University beat Dublin University, at Dublin on Dec. 17, by 21 points to 15; Oxford University, beat Northern, at Newcastle, by 25 points to 16.

The results of the matches in the County Championship on Dec. 14 were as follows:—Devon beat Somerset, at Taunton, by 2 goals and 2 tries (16 points) to 1 penalty goal and 1 try (6 points). Gloucestershire beat Cornwall, at Gloucester, by 1 penalty goal and 4 tries (15 points) to 1 goal and 2 tries (11 points).

London Welsh beat Richmond, at Richmond on Dec. 14, by 1 goal and 1 try (8 points). St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Rosslyn Park played a drawn game at Winchmore Hill. The former scored 1 goal and 1 penalty goal (8 points) to 1 goal and 1 try (8 points) by their opponents. Bedford beat Guy's Hospital, at Honor Oak Park, by 2 tries (6 points) to 1 goal (5 points). Old Leysians beat Old Millhillians, at Wandsworth, by 3 goals, 1 dropped goal, and 1 try (22 points) to 0. Old Alleynians played a drawn game with London Hospital at Dulwich. The Old Alleynians scored 1 try (3 points) and London Hospital 1 penalty goal (3 points). Old Blues and London Irish played a drawn game at Twickenham, each side having scored 1 goal and 1 try (8 points). United Services (Chatham) beat London Scottish, at Chatham, by 4 tries (12 points) to 1 goal (5 points). Cheltenham beat Stroud, at Stroud, by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to 0. United Services (Devonport) beat United Services (Portsmouth), at Devonport, by 2 tries (6 points) to 1 goal (5 points). Pontypool beat Bath, at Bath, by 1 try (3 points) to 0. Aberavon beat Llanelly, at Port Talbot, by 1 goal, 1 dropped goal and 1 try (12 points) to 1 try (3 points). Gloucester beat Clifton, at Clifton, by 1 penalty goal and 2 tries (9 points) to 1 try (3 points). Leicester beat Headingley, at Headingley, by 7 goals and 2 tries (41 points) to 0. Northampton beat Blackheath, by 4 goals, 1 penalty goal, and 3 tries (32 points) to 1 goal (5 points). Sale beat Manchester, at Kersal, by 2 goals and 2 tries (16 points) to 1 goal and 1 try (8 points). Edinburgh Academicals beat Edinburgh Wanderers, at Edinburgh, by 6 tries (18 points) to 0

ASSOCIATION.

The Old Citizens beat the Old Westminsters in the Arthur Dunn Cup Competition, at Vemley, on Dec. 14, by 4 goals to 3.

London (F. A.) beat Lancashire (F.A.), at Barking on Dec. 14, by 4 goals to 2.

The results of the matches in the League Championship on Dec. 14 were as follows:—Manchester City 3 goals, Blackburn Rovers 1, at Manchester; West Bromwich Albion 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1, at West Bromwich; Oldham Athletic 4, Notts County 0, at Oldham; Sheffield United 3, Aston Villa 2, at Sheffield; Bolton Wanderers 1, Liverpool 1, at Bolton; Manchester United 3, Newcastle United 1, at Newcastle; Middlesbrough 3, Chelsea 2, at Chelsea; Derby County 3, Bradford City 2, at Bradford; Sunderland 4, Everton 0 at Everton; Tottenham Hotspur 3, Woolwich Arsenal 0, at Plumstead.

The result of the matches in the Second Division of the League on Dec. 14 were as follows:—Burnley 5 goals, Leicester Fosse 1, at Burnley; Birmingham 2, Leeds City 2, at Birmingham; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Hull City 0, at Hull; Preston North End 4, Bradford 2, at Preston; Notts Forest 1, Bury 1, at Nottingham; Bristol City 2, Grimsby Town 2, at Bristol; Clapton Orient 2, Barnsley 2, at Homerton; Huddersfield Town 3, Blackpool 0, at Huddersfield.

The results of the matches in the Southern League on Dec. 14 were as follows:—Reading 6 goals, Stoke 2, at Reading; Crystal Palace 2, Northampton 2, at the Crystal Palace; West Ham United 4, Swindon Town 1, at Upton Park; Merthyr Town 0, Queen's Park Rangers 0, at Merthyr; Coventry City 3, Millwall 0, at Coventry; Southampton 1, Norwich City 0, at Southampton; Brighton and Hove Albion 3, Bristol Rovers 1, at Brighton; Exeter City 2, Portsmouth 1, at Exeter.

In the first round of the Amateur Football Association Cup on Dec. 14 the chief results were as follows:—Oxford 4 goals, Croydon Park 1, at Croydon; Civil Service 0, Parthians 0, at Tidal Basin; Old Carthusians 3, Richmond Association 0, at Richmond; Old Malvernians 2, Ealing 1, at Ealing; Casuals 3, Notts Magdala 1, at Nottingham; New Crusaders had a bye; East bourne scratched, at Sidcup.

GOLF.

Next year's Open Golf Championship will take place on the Royal Liverpool Club's course at Hoylake. The qualifying rounds will be played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 19, 20, and 21, and the Championship proper on Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24. The Championship was last held at Hoylake in 1907, when Arnaud Massy won with a score of 312.

The revised Rules of Golf, including a series of rules for Bogey Competitions, neatly bound in stiff covers and of size suitable for the waistcoat pocket, have been issued by the Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., 1 North John Street, Liverpool, and so far as the stock will allow, the company will be pleased to forward a copy to any of our readers who may care to apply for one.

POLO.

The formal ratification of the acceptance of the Hurlingham Polo Club's challenge for the America Cup by the executive committee of the American Polo Association is announced. It is further intimated that Mr. Whitney will be the captain of the American defenders.

ROWING.

At the annual meeting of the stewards at Henley Royal Regatta on Dec. 14 it was formally announced that his Majesty the King had been graciously pleased to accord his patronage to the regatta.

ASSAULT IN A TRAIN.

At the Honorary Presidency Magistrates' Court at Dadar, before Dr. Shiavux Batliwala (chairman) and Mr. M. E. Zavle, Mr. Anant Vishnu, of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Police, charged Abdul Karim and Mahomed Shaffi, both Mahomedans, with assaulting a Hindu named Babaji Atmaram.

On the evening of 1st inst., the complainant entered a third class compartment of a local train at Elphinstone Road. As the compartment was crowded, the complainant asked both the accused to take their feet off the seat. The accused thereupon abused and assaulted him. Both the accused were convicted. As they had previous convictions, the court sentenced both the accused to three months' hard labour and to pay a fine of Rs. 50, or, in default, to undergo further imprisonment for one month.

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The City Line steamer City of Paris 5,915 tons, Captain J. Campbell arrived in harbour on Friday from Liverpool 11th December with a general cargo and passengers.

The steamer Ferngarth 2,849 tons, Captain B. J Smith sailed on Friday for Garston with a cargo of manganessbre.

The Bombay and Africa S. N. Company's steamer Snyder 1,939 tons, Captain W. H. Thomson, sailed on Friday for Calcutta with ballast.

The steamer Rakata, 2,540 tons, Captain A. R. Smith arrived in harbour on Friday from Newcastle (N. S W.) December 7 with a cargo of coal.

The Venice S. N Company's steamer Caboto, 2,846 tons, Captain A. Pellogrini, arrived in harbour on Friday from Venice 26th November with a cargo and 1 cabin and 14 deck passengers.

The steamer Narrara, 2,847 tons, Captain Rellellokyn arrived in harbour on Friday from Cardiff, 19th November with a cargo of coal.

The B I S N Co's steamer Ismaila 3,381 tons, Captain C E Rodson, sailed on Friday for Rangoon with ballast

The steamer Calalone 2,416 tons Captain T L. Glover sailed on Friday for Calcutta with ballast

The Asiatic S N Co's steamer Khosrou 2410 tons Captain J Hannah, will sail to day for Calcutta, with a general cargo

The B I S N Co's steamer Fazilka 7,697 tons Captain J K Rose will sail to-day for Rangoon etc with a general cargo.

The Arab Steamers Co.'s steamer Lawoe, 1,517 tons, Captain C Boon arrived in harbour on Friday from Aceh 28th December, with a general cargo.

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H I M S Dalhousie...Comdr C G Sinclair ... Troopship
H M S Alert .....Comdr H C Somerville .....Sloop
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VESSELS IN DOCK.—JAN. 3

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Dest.	Date.	Agents.
A Ifinda	3397	McClelland	3 1 13		M M & Co
S Rosaldo	2792	Chilton	Hull	4-1-13	J Finlay & Co
CAE Anatolia	2481	Nelson	Melbourne		K Nixon & Co
D&E C Meanhab	2953	Green	Chitagong	6-1	J Finlay & Co
K Tos Maru	2464	Mocker	Kobe	101	T M & Co
M Glo	3018	Graham	Kobe &c	5-1-13	T M & Co
S Moltkefels	3084	Schaneider	Hamburg	7-1-13	W & A Graham & Co
O Penhale	2229	Poplam	Port Said	13-1	W & A G & Co
P Ellen	2474	Jacobsen	Baltimore	4-1-13	S Smith & Co
Dalhousie	2989	Kothan	Ko e &c	9-1-13	T M & Co

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3 Belgens	2360	A perth	Aloy S N Co	
4 Gymaric	2598	Revel	Genoa	13 3 W & A G & C.
5 Ischis	2481	Belsito	Kobe	R Line
7 Marq Bacquham	2752	Franovich	Trieste	7-1-13 A L S N Co
9 Lieutenfels	3528	Wallporff	Karachi	12 1 W P A GrahaD & Co
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15 Markgraf	2325	Bremen	Durban	3-1-13 A Strandes & Co
16 Alavi	2234	Gray	Jeddah	3-1 B& P S N Co

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ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From
2	Salsette	Lewellin	Aden, Dec 30
	City of Paris	Campbell	Liverpool, Dec 11
	Lawoe	Boon	Jeddah, Dec 28
	Narara	Milliken	Cardiff, Nov 19
	Caboto	Pellso-Grisy	Venice, Nov 26
	Rakaria	Smith	N Castle, Dec 7

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
2	Dwarka	Moxon	Karachi
	Ismaila	Hodgson	Rangoon
	Catalone	Gloven	Calcutta
	Abydos	Thomson	Calcutta
	Ferngarth	Smith	Garston

The following vessels obtained portclearance yesterday :—

Steamer Khosbrou Hannah for Calcutta.
" Fazilka, Rose for Rangoon &c.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Kola for Basreh
" Cabot for Calcutta

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Clan line s s. Clan Urquhart arrived London on the evening of the 2nd instant.

The B I S N Company s s Chyebassa left Aden on the 2nd inst:

The Anchor liner s s Castalia, left Liverpool for Bombay on the evening of the 2nd instant.

The Australian Lloyd s s Cleopatra left Trieste on the 1st instant and is due here on the 15th instant.

The Anchor Line S. S. Castalia left Liverpool for Bombay on the evening of the 2nd instant.

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SOME FAMOUS ORIGINALS.

The success of a work of fiction mainly depends upon the author's skill in conveying an impression of reality. The book may deal with out-of-the-way adventures, or with the hum-drum and uneventful lives of every-day folk, but the reader must be made to feel that the people in the story are alive, and that their destinies are a matter of real moment. In the effort to produce this impression of vividness, many of the disciples of the realistic school of literature have carried their methods to an inartistic extreme, and their books have not merely ceased to be interesting, but have also become unreal. Many realists have no doubt been unfortunate in the types they have selected. They have chosen the abnormal and the repulsive, and their psychological studies lie in the shadow of a black pessimism. We read their books with instinctive disbelief, and with an inner conviction that it is the idealists after all who form the truest conception of things as they are, and who understand best how to describe the events and the emotions of average lives. Unassuming chroniclers who have neither a grievance to ventilate, nor a crusade to wage, fulfil the primary object of the writer of fiction, which is the recreation of the reader. So life like and convincing are often the characters which move through their pages, that we feel sometimes that these fictitious personages are neither the simple invention of the author nor the modified and adapted copies of selected models, but the actual presentment, faithful in every detail, of living originals. It is not surprising that authors should sketch their characters mainly from real life, but as a rule the requirements of the plot force the teller of the tale to prune a little here, and to add a little there, until the resemblance becomes faint indeed, and recognition is no longer likely.

Many unwilling and maligned models have wished that such comparative oblivion had been their lot. They have bitterly regretted their acquaintanceship with the writers who have made use of easily identified idiosyncrasies and quaint characteristics. Such a victim was poor Madame Hejer, who posed unconsciously for the hateful Madame Beck of Charlotte Bronte's "Villette." One can imagine the mortification with which the old school-mistress read her expupil's book; a good many old scores were paid off by the cruel and untruthful description of the school and its principal. In addition to the annoyance of being held up as an object of scorn and dislike, Madame Hejer had to suffer as well the curious glances of the crowds of reverential sightseers who came to look at the pensionnat where the pathetic story of Lucy Snowe had been inspired. Madame Hejer must, indeed, have rued the day when she admitted the two English girls, Charlotte and Emily Bronte, into her school, and subjected its shortcomings to the coldly observant eyes of these precious 'Misses.' Mr. William Shaw of Bowes Academy was another schoolowner, who fared badly at the hands of an author. His portrait may be found in "Nicholes Nickleby" as that grotesque and detestable figure Mr. Squeers. In order that there might be no mistake about identification "Phiz," who illustrated the book, reproduced the features of Mr. Shaw with uncomplimentary fidelity, so the unfortunate schoolmaster has been branded for all time as a monster of spite and cruelty. One feels that perhaps Dickens concentrated in the one person of Mr. Squeers the misdemeanours of many, for the greatest indignation was felt in Yorkshire, when the book appeared, and when Shaw died in 1850, his virtues were commemorated in stained glass, where the worshippers in the village church may read them to this day. Dickens was a hardened offender, and considerable uneasiness was felt amongst his friends on the eve of the publication of a new book. Leigh Hunt was not best pleased to find himself handed down to posterity as Harold Skimpole, Micawber was an unflattering mixture of Dickens Senior, and one Thomas Powell, an improvident friend of the author's.

A similar composite portrait was achieved by Thackeray, who wanted to make Barry Lyndon so infamous that the misdeeds of any one man did not suffice him as a model. Barry Lyndon displays the unworthy characteristics, and performs the dishonourable actions which Thackeray had noted in five different men. No wonder then that he appears as such a thorough-paced villain. Jane Austen boasted that she "drew from nature, but not from individuals"; nevertheless she was not able to resist an occasional sly piece of portraiture, and the inimitable Mr. Collins was in real life, a Bishop whose many virtues were neutralized by an entire lack of humour. If the likeness drawn by Jane Austen was accurate, we need not waste sympathy on the worthy Bishop, for he must have been quite incapable of seeing that there was any resemblance between him, and the sedate wooer of Elizabeth. Amongst more recent authors, the temptation to write about prominent people of the day is still a strong one. It is not so long ago since Mallock's "New Republic" started a certain literary clique upon the easy task of identification, and several so-called political novels contain disguises so thin, that "all who run may read." Sherlock Holmes is perhaps the most remarkable portrait of modern times. Few people can shake off the impression that he is an authentic personage, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has received many earnest letters addressed "Sherlock Holmes, Esquire," and containing offers of service and expressions of admiration. The "real" Sherlock was Joseph Bell, an ingenious student whose remarkable achievements in amateur detective work, suggested to his friend the series of stories upon which so much of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's renown was built. How little did all these unsuspecting people guess that their words, their actions, and their mannerisms were being carefully noted, and that some day they would be the means of helping the complacent authors to number their editions by the thousand. If we should happen to have amongst our acquaintances a writer or so, we had better tread very delicately in their presence, otherwise we may find ourselves figuring in a novel which is the "succes de scandale" of its year, and have the mortification of being pilloried before an amused world. It is useless for us to attempt to impress them by talking precious stones, like the Princess in the fairy-tale; they will see through this at once. Our best plan is to seek safety in studied obscurity, for if there is nothing about us that is worthy to be recorded, we shall, at least, enjoy the blessedness of the mediocrity which has no history.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

It was impossible to miss in Reuter's telegram of Thursday Mr. Asquith's significant allusion to a possible reference to the electorate of the Home Rule Bill. This was emphasised yesterday by a further message, which said that there were strong rumours that the Government was contemplating a general election in February next. This story receives some sort of confirmation from a statement, reliable or unreliable, that the Liberals have ordered the immediate printing of a large number of political placards. In the House of Commons, on December 18th, Mr. Asquith said that the Government intended to pass through all their remaining stages the Government of Ireland Bill, the Established Church (Wales) Bill, and the Franchise Bill, and complete their programme "at a comparatively early date in February." Thus, presuming the rejection of the Home Rule Bill by the House of Lords, a general election on the Home Rule question is likely to take place immediately after the close of this session. We cannot mistake the significance of Mr. Asquith's reference, and are glad to know that the Ulster campaign has made some impression on the Government, and that they are not ready to force the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons, irrespective of public opinion. We have not approved of the theatrical methods, which have been adopted by Sir Edward Carson and the Ulster party, with the endorsement of the Unionist leader. But we are compelled to acknowledge their effect, and it is without doubt the uncompromising attitude, which Ulster has unfalteringly taken, which has induced the Government to consider the important concession, at which Mr. Asquith has hinted. Thus, the two parties are probably approaching another great struggle in the country, and, while one has to acknowledge the efficiency of Ulster's doubtful methods, it is unfortunate that one cannot view with an equal opinion the present fighting position of the Unionist party. They have before them an exceptional opportunity, but one which is seriously prejudiced, if not nullified, by the absolute unpreparedness of their own forces. It is doubtful whether the party itself even before the *debacle* of 1905 was in a worse position, and unless there can be a rapid consolidation of its ranks, its only hope lies in the fact that the country is strongly dissatisfied with this Government, for the social legislation, which has been an unexampled failure to fulfil the great promise with which it was introduced. At the moment signs that this consolidation will be effected are few. The favourable symptoms, which are discernible, are two. Amongst the nonconformity of view, which the Unionist papers of London have taken, we are glad to see that it is the *Pall Mall Gazette* which lends support to the appeal of Mr. Bonar Law for the suspension of the ariff controversy for the present. This view also seems to be supported by the *Morning Post* and the *Standard*. Mr. Garvin, who edits the *Pall Mall Gazette*, is, however, quite the strongest political force in London journalism, and his assistance may help the party organisation to secure the end in view. We think that Mr. Bonar Law's temporary policy may be approved in India. India needs Tariff Reform, but it would be absurd to press the question at the present moment, when the only political party, from which reform is possible to come, is so hopelessly divided on this very subject. India has waited long, and will, no doubt, be willing to wait a little longer. It is to be hoped then that Tariff Reform as a prominent question may be temporarily submerged, and that a great party will succeed in uniting itself in the supreme constitutional struggle, which seems to be before it.

THE GOVERNOR'S PEERAGE.

The high value of the honour conferred upon the Governor may be fully appreciated, when we remember that only one man was thus honoured with a peerage out of the nearly fifty persons who have ruled over Bombay, during the last two centuries and a half. Lord Elphinstone received a peerage of the United Kingdom during the last year of his Governorship of Bombay, which had already extended beyond the usual limit of five years, and it was conferred in recognition of his arduous work as ruler of this Presidency during the Mutiny crisis. He was already a Scotch hereditary peer, and the late Queen Victoria intended at first merely to give him a step in this inferior peerage; but it was felt that his services as Governor in a very trying period could only be adequately recognised by conferring on him the higher honour of a British peerage. No Governor before Elphinstone's time, nor since till the other day, had received such a mark of royal favour in direct recognition of his work in Bombay, and thus the peerage of Lord Sydenham can be easily understood to be almost unique for a Governor of Bombay. It may be remarked that this honour restores to us what many had come to regard as the privilege of being governed by a peer of the realm. Yet it is not quite thirty years ago, that we began to be ruled by a succession of peers with the advent of Lord Reay in 1885. When the present Governor began his rule more than five years ago as a knight, there were many who felt that as there were several baronets in our midst, he should, at least, have that distinction conferred on him, if not a higher one. But the high distinction now conferred towards the close and not the beginning of his rule, has the far higher merit of being a recognition indeed of great services rendered during five very trying years. Before Lord Reay's time, the honour of being governed by a lord was only very occasionally enjoyed by this Presidency; indeed there had been only three lords sent out as Governors of Bombay, previous to 1885. The first peer to come out was Lord Clare, who was Governor from 1831 to 1835; before his time all our Governors had been commoners, and most of them were plain esquires, very few being knights and fewer still baronets. With the Earl of Clare began the custom of having titled Governors, persons having some sort of handle to their names. The only exception to this was Sir George Russell Clerk, who during his first brief Governorship was plain Mr. Clerk. Even when he came out to rule for a second period twelve years later, had become a knight. But as if to compensate Bombay for having been ruled for sixteen months by plain Mr. Clerk, they sent out a Viscount with the honourable and historic name of Falkland, to succeed him in 1848, and this latter was followed by a Baron bearing the name dear to Bombay of Elphinstone. Mountstuart Elphinstone, it might be said in passing, after having governed Bombay for seven eventful years, was offered a peerage; but he had the rare distinction of having declined this honour not once but twice, when later he was sought for the Governor-Generalship. Some of our former Governors were sadly baulked of this honour of a peerage which they coveted much as a reward for their services. Sir Richard Temple, who got his baronetcy for ruling Bengal, was denied the peerage for ruling Bombay. Sir Bartle Frere, one of our ablest rulers, was denied even a baronetcy for his work in Bombay, and he got it only eight years later for a much smaller service, namely, accompanying the late King to India in 1875.

THE EAST INDIES SQUADRON.

The report on the health of the Navy for last year shows that the East Indies Squadron in 1911 was composed of 11 vessels, viz., six cruisers, three sloops, one gunboat, and one special service vessel. In addition there were a number of armed launches and other small vessels, employed in the Persian Gulf in suppression of the arms traffic. The returns from eight ships were for the year and from the remainder for periods of two and a half months, five months, and over 10 months. The mean force corrected for time, was 2,300, and the total number of cases of disease and injury entered on the sick list was 2,015 which gives a ratio of 876·08 per 1,000, a decrease of 164·17 as compared with the average ratio of the previous 5 years. The invalidings numbered 84, a ratio of 36·52 per 1,000 and an increase of 4·06 as compared with the average. There were 23 deaths, giving a ratio of 10 per 1,000 an increase of 1·14 as compared with the average. The average number of men sick daily from disease and injury was 72·01, a ratio per 1,000 of 31·3, and an increase of 3·3 as compared with the average. In general the returns from this station are very satisfactory. A reduction in the case ratio under the majority of the more important headings is to be noted, particularly under that of malaria. The slight increase in the general death-rate is attributable to the high mortality among the entries for enteric fever, the case ratio of which is nearly identical with that of last year.

AMONG the passengers who arrived in Bombay yesterday by the P. & O. Co.'s mail steamer "Salsette" were Sir B. Thomas, Major-General Sir J. A. Bell, Baron and Baroness de Rothschild.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER

THE MIXED POLITICAL SITUATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 20.

A few hours ago, the House of Commons, after a sitting which opened with one of the most exciting debates that has taken place in Westminster for a long time—I refer to the attack on Mr. Churchill, and his almost ferocious treatment of Lord Charles Beresford—adjourned for the holidays, and, unless they are able to banish politics from their minds, neither party can look forward to a particularly merry Christmas. The natural elation of the Ministerialists and their Irish allies at the troubles of their opponents over the Tariff Reform incubus—troubles enormously increased by the surprising, if courageous, line taken by Mr. Bonar Law at Ashton-under-Lyne, with regard to the vexed question of food-taxes—is tempered by the quarrel of the Government with their Welsh supporters. The latter are almost besides themselves with anger at the concessions which have been made to the opponents of the Disestablishment Bill, who are by no means confined, at any rate so far as the disendowment clauses are concerned, to the Opposition. It is true that the number of Liberal Churchmen who have actually voted with the minority is not large, but they represent many friends of the Ministry in the country who feel very strongly on the subject, and who have no desire to help the embittered Nonconformists of the Principality to obtain their pound of flesh. What will be the outcome of the Welsh revolt remains to be seen? My own impression is that, when they have blown over steam, the Welshmen will acquiesce in the changes introduced in the past week, and cause no further trouble. At present, however, the attitude of the more militant of Mr. Lloyd-George's fellow countrymen is decidedly menacing. The chairman of the North Wales Baptist Union is not entirely an insignificant person in his own land, and he declares that Welshmen would sooner the Bill were revoked than passed in its present form. The "Welsh Disestablishment Campaign Committee" did not go quite so far as this at their emergency meeting at Cardiff, yesterday, but they passed a resolution indignantly protesting against the policy of the Government in allowing the hated Church to retain certain property which it was originally intended to use for "national purposes."

THE WHITE PAPER.

The only thing that is really new in the rather bulky white paper, relating to the celebrated purchases of silver, is the curious correspondence between the Bank of England and the India Office. That there should have been a dispute between the authorities of Threadneedle-street and those of Whitehall, over the terms of the arrangement of March 29, 1906, is not surprising, but what is surprising is that nobody in the India Office, not even Mr. Abrahams, the then Financial Secretary, seems aware of the promise made by Sir James Mackay (now Lord Inchape) that all the buying should be done by the Bank. The India Office suggested that the disagreement should be referred to the Lord Chief Justice for arbitration, but the Bank refused to acquiesce in this suggestion. Eventually Lord Crewe saw Lord Inchcape, whose recollection of his conversation with Mr. Wallace (Governor of the Bank at the time) was substantially the same as that gentleman's. In one of its letters to the Bank, it is stated that the records of the India Office "contain nothing to show that an agreement for the exclusive purchase through the Bank was contemplated," and that "no present member of the India Office has any recollection of such an intention." One can only marvel at the slipshod way in which even gigantic transactions may be carried out in the best regulated departments.

THE KING EDWARD MEMORIAL.

All London is delighted to learn that his Majesty has been impressed by the widely-expressed objections to the erection of the memorial of his father in Green Park, and that another site has been chosen. Lord Stamfordham, writing to Sir Vezey Strong, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, says that nothing would be more painful to the King than the thought that the position chosen for the memorial should give rise to any adverse comments. One of the alternative sites suggested was the open space between Pall Mall and the Duke of York's monument. "To this," Lord Stamfordham continues, "his Majesty is more favourably inclined, and thinks that its adoption would afford greater freedom, and successfully remove the grounds of objection raised in the House of Commons and elsewhere with regard to the Green Park position." The matter was considered yesterday by the Committee, and the site in question was unanimously adopted, the statue to be an equestrian one. This decision involves the removal of the fine equestrian statue of Lord Napier of Magdala, standing between the Athenæum and "the Senior," and its destination is likely to be Trafalgar Square, where there is a vacant pedestal. The only objection I have heard to the new site is that the King Edward Memorial will be overshadowed by the York column, but I live in hopes that some day a good excuse may be found for ridding London of that abomination. There will sooner or later have to be a clearance, and we might just as well begin with the monument which our forefathers for some reason, which I could never understand, chose to erect in memory of the inglorious second son of George III.

THE STEAD MEMORIAL.

By 53 to 56 the L. C. C. has given permission for the memorial to the late MR. W. T. Stead being placed in the Embankment Gardens. I would suggest that the most appropriate situation would be the space between the statues of Raikes, founder of Sunday Schools, and Sir Wilfred Lawson, the apostle of temperance. The position would be almost as suitable as that of Sir Bartle Frere in another portion of the gardens, flanked by Tyndale, translator of the New Testament, and Outram, the distinguished general—the prancing proconsul between the Sword and the Bible. Whether Mr. Stead, with all his claims to posthumous honours, was quite the sort of man to have a memorial on one of the finest spots in the Metropolis is another question. My own opinion is that he was not, and that, if there was to be a monument at all, it would be more in keeping with Mr. Stead's life to have erected it in Clapham Common or in front of Spurgeon's Tabernacle. The Embankment ought to be reserved for only really great men, in which, of course, one would not include the genial Sir Wilfred. The L. C. C., in allowing these things, shows a sad want of a sense of humour.

"BESTIAL ORGIES."

The long-drawn controversy between Sir Vansittart Bowater and Sir George Birdwood, over the description by the latter of "East End and West End banquets" as "bestial orgies" was brought to a pleasant and amusing denouement by Mr. Carmichael Thomas, the well-known chairman of the *Graphic*, *Daily Graphic* and *Bystander*, at a luncheon party given by him yesterday at the Constitutional Club. When the guests sat down to the table, the menu printed in the name of Sir Vansittart, who is an Alderman of the City of London, and if he lives on, our future Lord Mayor, was as follows :—

Porridge Ecossais.
Boiled Plaice a l'eau.
Pudding Tapioca.
Oranges.
Barley Water 1912,

and the menu in the name of Sir George Birdwood :—

Thick Turtle Soup.
Lobster Salad.
Roast Goose with Chestnuts.
Veal Cutlets.
Plum Pudding and Mince Pies.
Welsh Rarebit.
Pine Apple.
Burgundy, Corton 1874.
Port Cockburns 1887.
Creme de Menthe, Curacoa.

Both of the principal guests were taken in for a moment; Sir Vansittart Bowater saying that the menu in his name must be meant for Sir George Birdwood, and the latter protesting that he must declare a "hunger strike," unless he got the porridge, and the veal and goose, and lobster and turtle was distributed to the rest of the guests. Then there was a loud shout of laughter, and the Club luncheon *menus du jour* passed round to all present. The pleasant hoax had evidently been deeply plotted, for the whole room full of members present seemed to join in the fun of it. Sir George's line of defence of himself was acknowledged to be very complete. He said he had never applied the phrase "bestial orgies" to Aldermanic banquets in special, but to all late dinners, of which heavy meals were the staple; as nothing was more unnatural and unwholesome and unclean, than going off to bed on a heavily loaded stomach. A guest present observed, "but all animals in a state of nature invariably go to sleep upon their well-filled stomachs." "Yes," replied Sir George, "because they are beasts, and as such it comes natural to them." He admitted that had he thought the phrase used by him would have given any offence, he would have said instead that late meat dinners were "a bestial function," but as he happened to have slipped into the locution "bestial orgies," he would stand by it! He capped his argument after his habit by going into the etymology of the word "orgy," and that is the real reason why I am transmitting this item of "club gossip" to you. He wrote out his etymological argument for me in full, as follows :—"The word 'orgie' goes back to the Sanskrit *urja*, 'energy', 'activity', 'work', and reappears in the Greek *ergon*, 'work', *organon*, 'an instrument', *orgion*, 'a religious rite', 'a sacrament,' etc., and in the Latin, *'urgere'*, 'to urge' *'vulgare'*, 'to publish' *'virga'* 'a fresh or green twig', and *'virgo'* 'a virgin,' and finally, in the English 'orgy' 'urgent', 'vulgar' through Low Latin, vergei', and again through German *'work'*, *'wright'* and *'wark'* as in 'bulwark.' Now of all these derivations from the Sanskrit *urja*, the only one that has come to have an ill meaning attached to it, is 'orgie', and simply because at all festive meals, whether religious or secular (for in Christendom we distinguish between ordinary meals and the Sacrament), there is a tendency to eat and drink too much. But we should never forget the Sacrament in the least any more than forget the feast in the Sacrament. The Phoenician Nadees who 'imported wine and the grape vine into all the ports of the Mediterranean Sea, and so spread the culture of the vine throughout Southern Europe, carried on all these negotiations with the merchants of these portsat an 'orgy,' or sacramental banquet in honour of Dionysos or Bacchus; and the trade 'guilds' of mediæval Europe, which etymologically mean commercial 'banquets', originated in such Phoenician 'orgies.' Before these 'guilds' were established, the Aryan tribes of Germany and Gaul adopted the practice of first discussing all tribal and inter-tribal questions when they were drunk, and then deciding on them when sober, was also obviously an earlier offset from the Phoenician orgy. These primitive Aryan Parliaments survive in their highest evolution in our 'House of Commons and House of Lords,' which represent, respectively, the Nation drunk and the Nation sober."

This climax carried all before it at a Unionist Club, and it was unanimously conceded that Sir George had carried his point, and Sir Vansittart Bowater carried him off bodily to see him safe into his train by the Underground close by, to Ealing. Why don't the Balkan Plenipotentiaries lunch together every day?

Sir George Birdwood, whose energy in spite of his eighty years, is prodigious, writes to me on the chief topics of the current week as follows :—

MR. GOKHALE ON SOUTH AFRICA.

"In my opinion by far the most important news in the papers of the current week, is the telegram from Bombay reporting a speech of Mr. Gokhale on the subject of the "Indian Problem in South Africa," for the truly statesmanlike manner in which he deals with it is sure to have the most beneficent influence in promoting a salutary solution of it. As you know, I have been altogether uncompromising in condemning both the Government of the Union of South Africa, and the Imperial Government, for their unjust, unrighteous and unwise and impolitic treatment of the Indian emigrants, but at the same time I have both publicly and privately entreated my Indian friends not to mix up the Hottentots of Africa with the Indian settlers in Natal, the Transvaal, the Orange Free State and the Cape of Good Hope. The Hottentots are of quite a different race, except in the case of some of the local Muslims, and these are a race that anatomically, and still more emphatically, physiologically and spiritually, differs radically from any of the Caucasian or Noachean races—Semites, Hamites, and Japhelites or Argas. They, with the yellow races, are excluded from the genealogies of Noah; and by the Hamites of Northern Africa, and the Phoenicians of Arethier, Asia and Carthage, and Tharshish were regarded as anthropoid apes For certain physiological reasons, it is impossible to have full social relations with them, and the greatest mistake the Muslims ever made in statesmanship was their admission of Kaffir converts to the full privileges of Islam. It was their zeal in the propagation of the dogma of the Unity of the Godhead misled them—forgetful that the divine unity of Creation is most emphatically and benignantly demonstrated by the infinite divinity of its expression. There is only one true religion indeed, but every religion is a part of it in varying stages of evolution, from eternity to eternity, and, alike, individuals and races and nations, have to work out their own salvation from a lower to a higher phase of the one true religion, and not even the poignant persuasion of the sword of Islam can do it for them. The Catholic Spaniards committed the same mistake in Central and South America; and that and the degenerating influences of a tropical and sub-tropical climate, are the explanation of their lamentable degeneration throughout the Americas. But Mr. Gokhale has taken the right attitude

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

AN ELECTION POSSIBLE IN FEBRUARY.

Mr. Law and Unionist Leaders in Conclave.

THE NEWSPAPER WAR OVER TARIFF REFORM.

Food-Taxers Dwindled to Small Minority.

THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JAN. 2.

The Conservative papers are uttering warnings to the party to close up its ranks in view of Mr. Asquith's reference last night to an appeal to the electorate on Home Rule. There are strong rumours that the Government is contemplating rushing an election in February, and colour is given to these reports by the statement that the Liberals have ordered the immediate printing of a vast number of political placards.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

The opinions of Radical M. P.'s on the subject of the possibility of a general election are published to-day. They concur in regarding Mr. Asquith's reference to an appeal to the Electorate as merely a debating point. An election now would be resented by the Radicals, the Nationalists and the Welsh.

THE UNIONIST PAPERS.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

The controversy among the Unionists with regard to Tariff Reform, and particularly food taxes, continues. What the feeling of the rank and file is on the subject is not easy to ascertain, but there is certainly a split in the Unionist Press.

The *Times* and the *Daily Mail* recommend the dropping of food taxes, while the *Daily Telegraph* urges a medium course, suggesting a second general election upon preference and food taxes, after consultations with the Dominions.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* and the *Morning Post*, on the other hand, strongly support Mr. Bonar Law's appeal for the suspension of the controversy, and for an attack on the common enemy.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, in a series of articles, leads the revolt against the Northcliffe papers, which it accuses of playing ducks and drakes with Unionist interests.

The *Morning Post*, perhaps, gives the stalwart Unionist view when it says this morning that "there is less disposition than ever among the Unionist members to respond to the latest invitation of a particular group of newspapers to make Mr. Bonar Law's position as leader impossible. There are none knowing Mr. Bonar Law, who do not recognise that he is a leader who will lead and not be led, and no one is more determined not to sacrifice principles to so-called expediency.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* to-day, while admitting that there are dangerous and distracting influences at present, among which is the attitude of Lancashire, thinks that the feeling of the paramount necessity of continuity in tariff policy will prevail in the party.

AN INFORMAL MEETING.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

Importance is attached to an informal conference, which Mr. Bonar Law had last night with the Unionist M. P.'s for Lancashire. The subject was chiefly Tariff Reform and food taxes. No resolution was passed, and nothing was disclosed, but the opposing sections of the London Unionist Press, whose recriminations recently have been most bitter punish accounts of the conference coloured with their own particular views. One section declares that the conference marked an important step towards the removal of food taxes from the Unionist programme, the other asserting that the friendly talk will have the best results regarding the position of the party in Lancashire, Mr. Bonar Law's attitude being very firm.

The *Times* says that Mr. Bonar Law merely thanked the Lancashire M.P.'s, and promised to consider their views carefully. He made no statement of his policy.

MORE FREE-FOODERS.

The *Times* also states that at another meeting of Unionist representatives of Agricultural and Northern constituencies, it was resolved that food taxes must have no place in the party programme at the next election. The *Times* adds that, since Parliament reassembled the percentage of free-fooders has considerably increased. There are now only seventeen food-taxers. The fact that they are led by Mr. Austen Chamberlain lends much importance to their position.

The *Standard* says that investigation shows that the Unionist candidates and agents in the constituencies are of opinion that the best interests of Unionism will be consulted if food duties are not made a live issue at the next election. Many think that it will be useless to enforce them till after a second general election.

CANADIAN DENIAL.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

The *Montreal Star*, which is in close touch with Mr. Borden, the Premier, denies what it describes as the astonishing canard in a Radical paper, to the effect that the Unionist leaders are committed to food taxes, in consequence of an agreement they concluded with Mr. Borden in England last summer. The journal declares that not a single Canadian wants the British people unwillingly to tax their food.

WIRELESS AT SEA.

Extension of Time to Comply with Rules.

BOSTON, JAN. 3.

The prosecutions against the captains of the steamers "Numidian" and "Winifridian," on account of defective wireless telegraphic apparatus, have been withdrawn. The Government has extended the time in which to comply with the regulations.

GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE.

BERLIN, JAN. 3.

It is believed that Herr Zimmermann, Foreign Under Secretary, will succeed the late Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter.

EX-PRESIDENT CASTRO.

NEW YORK, JAN. 3.

Ex-President Castro will sail for Hamburg on the 4th of January.

THE PEACE DISCUSSIONS.

Adrianople on the Verge of Surrender.

THE NEW ALBANIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JAN. 2.

The Ambassadors recommenced their deliberations with regard to the Balkans at the Foreign Office to-day.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

The *Times* says there is reason to believe that the garrison of Adrianople is very hard-pressed, and that negotiations have even been opened for its capitulation.

A GLOOMY PROPHET.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

In a leading article the *Times* says the big words of Dr. Daneff will not disturb the belief of well informed persons in the success of the conference on the basis of honourable compromise. Most friendly conversations have notoriously been proceeding daily behind the scenes of the conference.

ALBANIA'S FUTURE.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

Three representatives of the Albanian provisional Government have arrived in London and have submitted a memorandum for the consideration of the Ambassadors, advocating the inclusion in Albania of a large extent of territory, including Preveza, Janina, Monastir, Uskub, Prishtina, Mitrovitza and Ipek.

The three Albanian delegates to-day conferred with Sir Arthur Nicholson at the Foreign Office on the subject of the future of Albania.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JAN. 3.

The Raja of Cannanore has remitted £450 on behalf of himself and the people of Cannanore, to the Grand Vizier of Turkey, towards the relief of the sick and the wounded, through the National Bank of India, Ltd., Madras.

News received by the mail states that the "Bombay Poor Moslems' Medical Mission" reached Constantinople safely, and its members are now the guests of his Ottoman Majesty at Pera-Palace-Hotel, Constantinople. Usuf Beg, Commander of the Turkish Torpedo Flotilla, visited the members at the hotel, and was much pleased with the sympathy shewn by the Indian Musalmans to the Turks in their hour of distress. He met Drs. Hafiz Mohammed Nazar Hock Leghan and V. D. Nimkher, and said he was much obliged to the Hindus of India, as this mission had amongst its doctors two Hindus.

A PITIFUL CONFESSION.

The following extract from a letter from a Turkish officer appeared in the "Petit Journal":—"The cause of our reverses was the presence of the Redifs (reservists) in our ranks. They had no military instruction; some went into action without knowing how to use their rifles, which they had only for one day in their hands. These men had no discipline, no confidence in their officers, who they accused of complicity with the Christians. One thought alone dominated their ideas—it was how to get back to their wives and families in the quickest manner. They left the shooting line one by one; no supplications, even in the name of Allah, could keep them in the ranks, nothing could induce them to come back. They threw away rifles and boots in order to run away quickly. I saw them unharness the gun-horses, and ride off on their backs at the mere cry of 'Here come the Bulgars!' Worse things than this happened, but the courage of a few officers who loaded and fired the guns themselves compensated for this shame; but they died at their places, because their gunners forsook them."

THE INSURANCE ACT.

Mr. Lloyd-George Explains his Latest Plans.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

Mr. Lloyd-George, addressing the Insurance Commissioners, said the public generally regarded the Government's revised terms for doctors as not only fair but generous. The recent action of the doctors was a tacit admission that the terms, as a whole, fairly met the circumstances. The ground of contention was now shifted from the question of remuneration to something called "lay control."

Mr. Lloyd-George, in his address before the Insurance Commissioners, added that panels had been completed for three-quarters of the kingdom. In one-eighth the panels were incomplete, and in one-eighth there were no panels. Where they were incomplete, he proposed to send doctors willing to start new practices there, on condition that the panels were then closed for two or three years. Where all the doctors refused to work, there would be paid service doctors at five hundred pounds per annum, who would be allowed to attend privately on relations and dependents of insured persons. He believed that sufficient doctors could be found in both cases.

BRADFORD DYERS.

Strike of Fifty Thousand Threatening.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

Eight thousand Bradford dyers have tendered notices on the question of wages. A ballot is being taken in Yorkshire, and it is expected that fifty thousand work people will be involved in a fortnight. If a strike is decided upon, it will bring the textile trade of the North to a standstill.

BRAZILIAN COFFEE.

Settlement Reached with United States.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 3.

The United States and Brazil have practically arrived at a compromise settlement of the coffee valorisation dispute. The settlement provided for the gradual sale of 920,000 bags stored in New York.

THE DUTCH AND CHINA.

THE HAGUE, JAN. 2.

M. von Blockland, Minister at Peking, will start on leave in February, but he has been instructed before sailing for Europe to pay an official visit to the Dutch East Indies and confer with the Government there on certain Chinese matters.

A Gas Cooking Stove will roast, bake or boil at the same time. It is always ready for use and is the cheapest, most reliable and cleanest method of cooking.

ITALY IN TRIPOLI.

Attack by Bedouins Repulsed with Heavy Loss.

WARSHIPS ENGAGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY

ROME, JAN. 3.

A telegram from Benghazi says that Bedouins fired on the Italian advanced positions on the 1st inst., but were dispersed. The Italian losses were six killed and thirteen wounded. The enemy's losses were considerable. Warships afterwards bombarded the coast near Zeiana.

THE HUNGARIAN DIET.

President Crosses Swords with a Deputy.

BUDAPEST, JAN. 3

The ill-feeling which has been growing since the stern repression of the obstruction of the opposition in the Diet culminated in a fierce duel with swords between Count Tisza, President of the Diet, and Count Michael Karolyi, a Deputy. The duel lasted an hour, and there were thirty-two bouts. Count Karolyi received several cuts, but Count Tisza, who is twenty years his senior, received only a superficial scratch. The combatants separated unreconciled.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.

Start in Colonization by Whites.

ROME, JAN. 3.

In his report on Italian Somaliland, Signor de Martino, the governor, expresses the opinion that the protectorate will always preeminently be agricultural, with the cultivation mainly in native hands. But this does not exclude the possibility of white colonization. Signor de Martino has already made a start in this direction.

STRANDED CLAN LINER.

British and German Vessels to the Rescue.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

In addition to the German salvage vessel "Newa," the British boat "Rescue" is alongside the "Clan Mackenzie." The British boat "Express" and the German boat "Hermes" are leaving Gibraltar with lighters. Tugs from Cadiz are also being used.

Reinsurance has fallen to between 40 and 50 per cent.

The salvage of cargo has already begun.

LATE MR. WHITELAW REID.

Solemn Escort of American Warships.

NEW YORK, JAN. 3.

American warships have picked up the cruiser "Natal," conveying the remains of Mr. Whitelaw Reid to America, and are escorting her slowly and solemnly to New York.

Mr. Taft, Mr. Knox and Mr. Bryce will attend the funeral.

ATLANTIC ICEBERGS.

Steamer Tracks Moved a Degree to the South.

NEW YORK, JAN. 3.

Shipowners have agreed to transatlantic boats crossing one degree further south until August, in view of the iceberg danger.

DELUGE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, JAN. 3.

Torrential rains have fallen in Natal and the north-west districts of the Cape. Hundreds of sheep have been killed by the bursting of dams.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

The death is announced of the New York financier and sportsman, James Keene.

[Mr. James Robert Keene was born in London in 1838, and when fourteen years of age emigrated with his family to California, where he worked as a miner in that State and in Nevada. He later took to speculating in mining stocks, and rose to be President of the San Francisco Stock Exchange. At the time of his death he was carrying on a stockbroker's business in New York.]

SERVICES COMMISSION.

Co-option of Assistants for Bengal.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

Rai Bahadur P. N. Mukerjee, Inspecto General of Registration, and Babu Saroda Prasad Sen, Additional District Judge, have been co-opted a Assistant Commissioners to the Public Services Commission during its proceedings in Bengal. The former will represent the Provincial Civil Service and the latter the Provincial Judicial Service. The selection of a representative of the Bengal Civil Service will be announced later.

CALCUTTA POLO CLUB.

Patiala win Extra Handicap Tournament.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

In the Calcutta Polo Club extra handicap tournament the final was played this evening between the Patiala team and the Tigers, who were handicapped—plus one goal. The game was of six chukkers, and it was well contested. Patiala won the match by seven goals to four. At the conclusion of the game Mrs. Collins handed the cup to his Highness amidst cheers.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. "Himalays," with the China and Australian mails, is expected to arrive in Bombay at 8 a.m., to-morrow.

THE B I. S. N. Co.'s s.s "Mombassa" left Aden on the 2nd instant.

THE VICEROY.

Sleep Disturbed by Aching of Wounds.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JAN. 3.

The following bulletin was issued from Viceregal Lodge at 8-30 a.m., to-day :—"The Viceroy continues to make slow progress. There was no fever yesterday, but the constant aching of the wounds prevents sound rest at night. There is a good deal of deafness still left."

DELHI, JAN. 3.

The following Press *communique* was issued from Viceregal Lodge this evening :—Capt. the Hon. Hore-Ruthven, V.C., left Viceregal Lodge last night. Only one bulletin will now be issued daily.

POONA, JAN. 3.

The Deccan Sabha, Poona, has received from Viceregal Lodge, Delhi, a reply to its message of sympathy, assuring the Sabha that the message will be laid before his Excellency on recovery, and that he will greatly appreciate it.

A public meeting was held in the Albert Reading Room of the Resident's Office, Secunderabad, on the 2nd inst., under the auspices of the Householders' Association. Mr. Jamshedi Edaljee Chinoy was in the chair. The following proposition was moved by Rai Bahadur Satt Ramgopal :—This meeting of the residents of Secunderabad views with indignation the dastardly attempt made on the Viceroy's life, and sincerely hopes that the discovery and conviction of the offenders will soon be effected, and earnestly prays for the speedy recovery of H. E. the Viceroy. The proposition to forward the resolution to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy was unanimously adopted.

THASRA.

A meeting was held in Thasra under the auspices of Rao Saheb Rangildas Prayjivandas, B.A., to express regret at the dastardly act of bomb-throwing at Delhi. All the persons present expressed a strong feeling of detestation and regret for the black and murderous attack upon their Excellencies. A prayer was offered for the speedy recovery of H. E. the Viceroy, and a feeling of sincere gratitude was expressed that the Almighty had so providentially and miraculously saved their Excellencies from more serious injuries. Mr. Bhailal N. Desai, B.A., LL.B, Mr. Somabhai J. Pakai, B.A., S.T.C.D., Rao Saheb Premchand Kasandas and others referred the sad event and mentioned H. E. the Viceroy's qualities, virtues, good acts, and good wishes for us. It was keenly desired by all that the anarchists might be apprehended, and severe punishments meted out to them. The President and Mr. Nandlal Bhogilal, District Inspector, Kaira, spoke impressively and at great length of the benefits of the benign British Raj. The following telegram was sent to the Collector of Kaira for transmission to the Viceroy :—"Townsmen of Thasra strongly detest the dastardly act of bomb-throwing at Delhi, and pray for speedy recovery of our most beloved Viceroy, Lord Hardinge." The meeting dispersed with loud acclamations of "Long live the King-Emperor" and may Britannia rule for ever.

HINDU MEETING IN BOMBAY.

Last evening, a representative public meeting of the Hindu citizens of Bombay was held at Madhav Baug, to express their indignation and horror at the attempt on the life of H. E. the Viceroy.

Amongst these present were Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon. Mr. Manmohan, Ramjidas Messrs. Narotam Morarji Goculdas, D. O. Padye, N. V. Mandlick, Daji Abaji Khare, and others. Mr. Tribhovandas Varjivandas was voted to the chair, and, after a loyal and effective speech by that gentleman, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

That this public meeting of the Hindu community of Bombay expresses its strongest abhorrence and deepest detestation of the dastardly outrage aimed against H. E. the Viceroy on the occasion of the State entry at Delhi on the 23rd December 1912. This meeting unhesitatingly condemns all anarchist outrages and fomentation of sedition, and records its deep and sincere grief that the outrage should have been directed against the Viceroy—the august representative of H. I. M. the King-Emperor. This meeting is grateful to Providence for the miraculous escape of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Hardinge, and earnestly prays for the speedy and complete recovery of Lord Hardinge, who has, by his sympathetic statesmanship, won the unstinted admiration and confidence of all India.

That the President be authorized to communicate the above resolution to their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge, through H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

GAZETTE OF INDIA,

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JAN. 3.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. W. H. Bailey, I. C. S., resigns his appointment as Additional Member of the Imperial Legislative Council. The non official members of the United Provinces Legislative Council will elect two representatives to the Imperial Legislative Council by the 25th instant.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. C. Ker, I. C. S., acts as Deputy Director of Criminal Intelligence.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. W. F. A. James, Assistant Engineer, is posted from Delhi to Bombay.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

L. Col. A. Mc Conaghey has six months' leave.

Lt. Col. W. G. Gray is posted as Political Agent Chagai, and Deputy Comissioner of Quetta Pishin.

Major F. C. Webb is posted as Political Agent Chagai.

Cap. W. G. Neale becomes Assistant to the Resident, Western Rajputana States.

Capt. L. B. D. Hunter I. M. S. is posted as Medical Officer, Consulate.

L. Col. A. L. Duke I. M. S. Residency Surgeon, Balchistan is granted three months leave and Major J. N. Macleod I. M. S. officiates.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. F. P. B. Wood has been posted as Deputy Accountant General, Burma.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H. G. W. Meikle is appointed Government Actuary.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Major R. L. Morris, Cantonment Magistrate, retires from service.

RAILWAY BOARD.

Mr. A. V. Hawkins will continue to act as District Traffic Superintendent, E. B. S. Railway.

PLAGUE MORTALITY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JAN, 3.

During the week ending December 28. the plague mortality totalled 2,615 cases against 3,232 cases in the last week. The Provincial figures were:—Bombay, 314 deaths; Madras, 179; Bengal, 3; Bihar, 360; United Provinces, 1,204; Punjab, 98; Burma, 30; Central Provinces, 40; Mysore, 88; Hyderabad, 117; Rajputana, 188; and Kashmir, 1.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES.

Successful Exhibition of their Merits.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JAN. 3.

Mr. E. J. Glanagan, representative of the Automatic Telephone Manufacturing Co., Ltd., this morning gave a demonstration of the working of the new contrivance, by operations in the office of Messrs. Stewart, Raebura and Co., the local agents of the firm. It is claimed that in actual efficiency the automatic telephone, from the user's point of view, has been proved to be between 70 and 100 per cent. greater than with the manual instrument.

The Lieutenant-Governor, who watched the working of the telephone closely, expressed his appreciation of its efficiency.

PUNJAB COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JAN. 3.

The Punjab Government has nominated six non-official gentlemen to the Provincial Legislative Council, namely, one European, two Sikhs, and three Mahomedans. The elected members are five Hindus, one Sikh and one Mahomedan. At a meeting of the Council to-morrow the non-official members will elect a representative to the Imperial Legislative Council.

BENGAL COUNCIL.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

The first meeting of the new Bengal Legislative Council will take place on the 18th inst. The business will be mainly formal, and after its conclusion the proceedings will be adjourned till the 22nd. On an earlier date the appointment of the Finance Committee will take place, and will be announced, and on the 22nd the non-official members of Council will proceed to Writer's Buildings, where they will elect their representative on the Imperial Council.

BENGAL CHRISTIANS.

The Indian Christian Association of Bengal have petitioned the Governor, through the Chief Secretary, to nominate a member of their community to the Bengal Legislative Council, as otherwise, they say they will be unrepresented.

THE MADRAS COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JAN. 3.

Mr. V. S. Shrinivas Shastri, of the Servants of India Society, has been nominated by Government as an additional member of the Madras Legislative Council.

THE AFGHAN WINTER.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JAN. 3.

It is reported from Kabul that heavy falls of snow have occurred in Northern Afghanistan. The prices of food-grains have risen generally, and dealers with large stocks have been ordered to furnish supplies at reasonable bazar rates for popular consumption.

FORCED LABOUR.

There is again a report in Afghanistan that the Amir has abolished *begar* or forced labour throughout the country.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has expressed its opinion, agreeing with the Hon. Mr. Ghuznavi's proposal that the three Mahomedan holidays, Idulfitr, Idulzuha, and Muharram, should be declared public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, provided this does not involve an excessive addition to the number of public holidays.

BANK OF MADRAS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JAN.

At the meeting of the directors of the Bank of Madras, yesterday, a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum with bonus of one per cent. was declared. Rupees (Rs. 1,00,000) one lakh was transferred to the Reserve Fund, Rs. 50,000 written off the premises, and Rs. 1,61,134-7-1 was carried forward.

BANK OF BANGALORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, JAN. 3.

The District Judge has disposed of the matter of Messrs Gow Ld, in liquidation, finding that the Bank of Bangalore and Mr. Rinall, to the extent of Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 10,000, respectively, are secured creditors entitled to rank for settlement before all other creditors, and that Mr. J. C. S. Lawrence, solicitors of the late firm, is authorized to set off his fees for services to the late company against its claim for moneys due by him. This was an action by certain shareholders of the firm, claiming a rateable distribution of assets to all creditors.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, JAN. 3.

Lieut.-General Sir John Nixon, the Southern Army Commander, will arrive here at 7 a.m. on Monday next, the 6th instant.

DELHI, JAN. 3.

Lieut. E. Clayton, from the Staff College course, is posted to the 58th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, at Ferozepore.

Capt. Leggett, Instructor in Gunnery, Aden, will be transferred to the Home Establishment in March next.

Brev.-Col. C. J. W. Grant, V.C., Indian Army, retired from 5th November last.

Capt. Tyler, Durham Light Infantry, succeeds as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Lucknow Division, in April next.

Col. Hardy, 9th Infantry, officiates as Commandant, Musketry School, Pachmarhi, from April next.

Lieut. Wingate, Royal Field Artillery, is posted to the Royal Field Artillery at Kirkee.

Approval has been given to the appointment of Lieut. Col. Campbell and Major Murray, 89th Punjabis, as Commandant and 2nd-in-command, respectively, of that regiment.

Maj.-Genl. Stuart, Director-General of Ordnance, is granted leave for eight months out of India.

KARACHI PORT TRUST.

Re-organised to Cope with growth of the Port.

INCREASED SUPERIOR STAFF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, JAN. 3.

The Karachi Port Trustees have adopted the proposals of their chairman for the re-organisation of the superior staff. In a way the changes thus to be inaugurated, though merely administrative and mostly personal, have a special interest, as marking another stage in the wonderful growth of this port and its affairs. The Port Trust has, in short, outgrown itself, and the new changes will enable it to face the large conditions of work with appropriately larger resources. To all who have eyes for such things it has long been apparent that re-organisation and expansion of the superior staff were urgently called for, and the only doubt will be whether Mr. Mule's scheme, though bold, is bold enough.

MISS MARIE HALL.

Splendid Welcome from a Big House.

CONCERT IN BOMBAY.

The musical public of Bombay had looked forward with the greatest interest to such a rare occasion as the visit of so celebrated a musician as Miss Marie Hall, and in contrast with a recent concert, there was no ground to complain of the big audience which welcomed her so enthusiastically at the Bombay Town Hall last night on her first appearance in the East. There were very few empty seats in the Assembly Hall, and the audience, though in a slightly fitful humour, was unstinting with its applause of all the important numbers. One had heard so much of Miss Hall, as the woman violinist of the present day, or of all days, and one had read of the slight girlish lady, who left no impression behind her beyond that of her wonderful playing. To an extent that idea of Miss Hall is a true one, for she seems to have a marvellous faculty of submerging her personality in her music As she comes to the stage, smiling pleasantly, she appears a vivacious and sympathetic woman. But with her face in complete repose, as it is while she is playing, all the vivacity and sympathy of her temperament are expressed in the melody, and one's impression at the end of her performance is certainly not more distinctly of her music and her art than of herself. This may seem a commonplace and somewhat trite remark to write, but it is not so with all musicians, and to give a possibly extreme instance, who can carry away an impression of a recital by Paderewski, which does not include a vivid recollection of a shock of yellow hair?

Miss Hall's first appearance last night was with Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, Op 64, a distinctly exacting piece, divided in three parts, and well fitted to give the audience an early impression of the abilities of the soloist. It opens with an andante movement which was expressed with delightful daintiness and precision, if possibly with less depth than another rendering might have afforded. This moved the audience to a cordial exhibition of appreciation, but their applause on this occasion by no means equalled that which was accorded the later movements. The two subsequent parts, especially the Allegro Molto Vivace, gave Miss Hall full opportunity to display that wonderful technique for which she is most celebrated, and her performance more than deserved, the cordial reception which it obtained. The encore, for which there was almost a clamour, gave one an opportunity of hearing a richly expressive rendering of the "Slumber Song." The violinist's next contribution was "Ave Maria," a transcription of Schubert's song by August Wilhelmj, a solemn, stately melody, which Miss Hall rendered with great sympathy and meaning. Then after Fiocco's "Allegro," she played Beethoven's "Minuet," giving this simple but vivacious melody a delivery which was entirely delightful. Then there followed "Hejre Kati" by Hubay, a composition which was probably new to many of its listeners. It is founded on the tunes of a Hungarian folk-song and dance, and its simple yet whimsical melodies, thoroughly redolent of the peculiar character of Hungarian music, being given in a sincere and unaffected manner, made a direct appeal to the audience which was unmistakably evinced. Miss Hall's share of the programme concluded with Dvorak's well-known "Humoresque," in which again she charmingly reproduced all the vivacity of which this work is so full, and with a truly brilliant rendering of the "Moto Perpetuo" of Franz Ries. In response to an undeniable encore, she played Saint-Saens' "La Cygne." This was the last item of the concert, and one is sure that everyone in the hall went away with a sensation of the most vivid pleasure.

Miss Hall is accompanied by Mr. Herbert Bromilow, a singer whom we are sure a Bombay audience will be eager to welcome back to Bombay should the opportunity be provided. He has a light and flexible tenor voice of much sweetness, which he uses with considerable variety of expression. His first item was Schubert's "Erlkonig," a tragic subject, which he treated with true imagination and delivered in a manner which emphasised the points of the drama as much as it exhibited the qualities of his voice. However one imagines that his song, which pleased his audience most, was one of a plainer type, "If thou wert blind." This is given a comparatively simple though beautiful setting, but there is an appealing force in the words, which, especially when they are sung with the pathos which Mr. Bromilow imparted to them, is irresistible. He also sang. In a Distant Land, and a lively little ballad "Going to the Fair." Miss Marguerite Tilleard is a very capable accompanist, and, though as a solo pianist she was not entirely consistent, she did some remarkably good work, particularly in Godard's "Valse Chromatique," which she rendered with great delicacy.

Miss Hall will give other concerts in the Town Hall this (Saturday) evening and on Monday, when she will be accompanied by H. E. the Governor's Band. It should have been mentioned that last night Lord and Lady Sydenham, and a party from Government House, were among the audience.

BOXING IN RANGOON.

Noteworthy Results at the Tournament.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JAN. 3.

In the boxing tournament last night, at the Jubilee Hall, two well-known men of the Welsh Fusiliers, Osborne and Walters, were beaten.

Osborne, who won his feathers at the Delhi Durbar tournament, met Private Creamer, of the East Surrey Regiment, and was beaten by a narrow margin in a ten-round contest. Creamer will be remembered as the man who won the feathers at the All-India Competition in Calcutta. He leaves for the Home ring shortly.

The other contest was between Corpl. Walters, Indian bantam champion in 1909, and Drummer Fairman, Royal Munster Fusiliers, who won the bantam weight at Delhi last year. Fairman's victory was the more decisive one.

MR. GOKHALE arrived at Poona, from Madras on the night of the 2nd instant. He will leave for Bombay on the night of the 4th and start for Madras from Bombay on the 6th instant to attend the first meeting of the Public Services Commission.

OUR NEW SERIAL STORY.

THE WHEEL O' FORTUNE.

[BY LOUIS TRACY.]

CHAPTER I.

WHEREIN FORTUNE TURNS HER WHEEL.

At ten o'clock on a morning in October—a dazzling, exalit morning after hours of wind-lashed rain—a young man hurried out of Victoria Station, and dodged the traffic and the mud-pools on his way towards Victoria Street. Suddenly, he was brought to a stand by an unusual spectacle. A procession of the "unemployed" was sauntering out of Vauxhall Bridge Road into the more important street. Being men of leisure, the processionists moved slowly. The more alert pedestrian who had just emerged from the station did not grumble at the delay—he even turned it to advantage by rolling and lighting a cigarette. The ragged regiment filed past, a soiled, frayed hopeless-looking gang. Three hundred men had gathered on the south side, of the river, and were marching to join other contingents on the Thames Embankment, whence some thousands of them would be shepherded by policemen up Northumberland Avenue, across Trafalgar Square, and so, by way of Lower Regent Street and Piccadilly, to Hyde Park, where they would hoarsely cheer every demagogue who blamed the Government for their miseries.

London, like Rinhard Royson, would stand on the pavement, and watch them. Like him it would drop a few coins into the collecting boxes rattled under its nose, and grin at the absurd figure out by a very fat man who waddled notably among his leaner brethren, for hunger and substance are not often found so strangely allied. But having salved its conscience, by giving and gratified its sarcastic humour by laughing, London took thought perhaps, on it read the strange device on the banner [illegible] by this Vauxhall contingent. "Curse your cartles, we want work," said the white letters charity—[illegible] wingly out of a wide strip of red staring three[illegible]ntal force in the phrase. It was cotton. There was [illegible] a looker-on whose lot Socialism in a tabloid, [illegible] demonstratory, was nigh as desperate as that of [illegible] felt that it struck him between the eyes.

It had some such effect on Royson. Rather abruptly he turned away, and reached the less crowded Buckingham Palace Road. His face was darkened by a frown though his blue eyes had a glint of humour in them. The legend on the banner had annoyed him. Its blatant message had penetrated the armour of youth high spirits, and abounding good health. It expressed his own case with a crude vigour. The unemployed genius who railed at society in that varile line must have *felt* as he, Dick Royson had begun to feel during the past fortnight and the knowledge that this was so was exceedingly distasteful. It was monstrous that he should rate himself on a par with those slouching wastrels. The mere notion brought its own confusion. Twenty-four years of age, well educated, a gentleman by birth and breeding, an athlete who stood six feet two inches high in his stockings, the gulf was wide, indeed, between him and the charity-cursers who had taken his money. Yet—the words stuck.

Evidently, he was fated to be a sight-seer that morning. When he entered Buckingham Palace Road, the strains of Martial music banished the gaunt spectre called into being by the red cotton banner. A policeman, more oneerful and spry than his comrades who marshalled the procession shuffling towards Westminster, strode to the centre of the busy crossing, and cast an alert eye on the converging lines of traffic. Another section of the ever-ready London crowd lined up on the kerb. Nursemaids, bound for the parks, wheeled their perambulators into strategic positions, thus commanding a clear view and blocking the edge of the pavement. Drivers of omnibuses, without waiting for the lifted hand of authority, halted in Lower Grosvenor Gardens and Victoria Street. Cabs going to the station, presumably carrying fares to whom time meant lost trains spurred to cross a road which would soon be barred. And small boys gathered from all quarters in amazing profusion. In a word, the Coldstream Guards were coming from Chelsea Barracks to do duty at St. James's coming, too, in the approved manner of the Guards, with lively drumming and clash of cymbals, while brass and reed sang some jaunty melody of the hour.

The passing of a regimental band has whisked many a youngster out of staid Britain into the far lands. The lilt and swing of soldiers on the march have a glamour all the more profound because it is evanescent. That man must indeed be careworn who would resist it. Certainly, the broad-shouldered young giant who had been momentarily troubled by the white-red ghost of poverty was not so minded. He could see easily over the heads of the people standing on the edge of the pavement, so he did not press to the front among the rabble, but stood apart, with his back against a shop-window. Thus, he was free to move to right or left, as he chose. That was a slight thing in itself, an unconscious trick of aloofness—perhaps an inherited trait of occupying his own territory, so to speak. But it is these slight things which reveal character. They oft-times influence human lives, too; and no man even extricated himself more promptly from the hum-drum of moneyless existence in London than did Richard Royson that day by placing the width of the sidewalk between himself and the unbroken row of spectators. Of course, he knew nothing of that at the moment. His objective was an appointment at eleven o'clock in the neighbourhood of Charing Cross, and, now that he was given the excuse, he meant to march along the Mall behind the Guards. Meanwhile, he watched their advance.

Above the tall bearskins and glittering bayonets he caught the flourish of energetic drum-sticks. The big dram gave forth its clamour with window-shaking insistence; it seemed to be the summons of power that all else should stand aside. On they came, these spruce Guards, each man a marching machine, trained to strut and pose exactly as his fellows. There was a sense of omnipotence in their rythmic movement. And they all had the grand manner—from the elegant captain in command down to the smallest drummer-boy. Although the sun was shining brightly now, the earlier rain and hint of winter in the air had clothed all ranks in dark grey great-coats and brown leggings. Hence, to the untrained glance, they were singularly alike. Officers, sergeants, privates, and bandsmen might have been cast in moulds, after the style of toy soldiers. There were exceptions, of course, just as the fat man achieved distinction among the unemployed. The crimson sashes of the officers, the drum-major, with his twirling staff, the white apron of the big drummer, drew the eye. A slim subaltern, carrying the regimental colour, held pride of place in the picture. The rich hues of the silk lent a barbaric splendour to his sober trappings. And he took himself seriously. A good-looking lad, with smooth contours not yet hardened to the military type, his face had in it a set gravity which proclaimed that he would bear that flag whithersoever his country's need demanded. And it was good to see him so intent on the mere charge of it in transit between Chelsea Barracks and the Guard-room at St. James's Palace. That argued earnestness, an excellent thing, even in the Household Brigade.

Royson was amusing himself with the contrast between the two types of banner bearers he had gazed at in the short space of five minutes—he was specially tickled by the fact the Guards, also, were under police protection—when he became aware that the features of the colour lieutenant were familiar to him. A man in uniform, with forehead and chin partly hidden by warlike gear, cannot be recognized easily, if there be any initial doubt as to his identity. To determine the matter, Royson, instead of following in the rear as he had intended, stepped out briskly and placed himself somewhat ahead of the officer. He was near the drums before he could make sure that he was actually within a few yards of a former class mate. The knowledge brought a rush of blood to his face. Though glad enough to see unexpectedly one who had been a school friend, it was not in human nature that the marked difference between their present social positions should not be bitter to him. Here was "Jack" marching down the middle of the road in the panoply of the Guards, while "Dick," his superior during six long years at Rugby, was hurrying along the pavment, perhaps nearing the brink of that gulf already reached by the Vauxhall professionists.

As Dick Royson's placid temper was again ruffled, as the latter have said nasty things about fate had

not that erratic dame suddenly thought fit to alter his fortunes. As the street narrowed between lofty buildings, so did the blaring thunder of the music increase. The mob closed in on the soldier's heels, the whole roadway was packed with moving men. A sombre flood of humanity—topped by the drumsticks, the flag, the glistening bayonets, and the bearskins—it seemingly engulfed all else in its path. The sparkle of the band, intensified by the quick, measured tramp of the soldiers, aroused a furtive enthusiasm. Old men, bearded and bent, men whom one would never suspect of having borne arms, straightened themselves, stood to attention, and saluted the swaying flag. Callow youths, hooligans round-shouldered slouchers at the best, made shift to lift their heads and keep step. And the torrent caught the human flotsam of the pavement in its onward swirl. If Royson had not utilized that clear space lower down the street, it would have demanded the exercise of sheer force to reach the van of the dense gathering nondescripts now following the drum.

Nevertheless, a clearance was made, and speedily, with the startling suddenness of a summer whirlwind. A pair of horses attached to an open carriage, were drawn up in a byestreet until the Guards had passed. So far as Royson was concerned, they were on the opposite side of the road, with their heads towards him. But he happened to be looking that way, because this old-time companion the Hon. John Paton Seymour, was in the direct line of sight, and his unusual stature enabled him to see that both horses reared simultaneously. They took the coachman by surprise, and their downward plunge dragged him headlong from the box. Instantly, there was a panic among the mob. It melted away from the clatter of frenzied hoofs as though a live shell had burst in the locality. Two staccato syllables from the officer in command stopped the music and brought the Guards to a halt. The horses dashed madly forward, barely missing the colour and its escort. A ready-witted sergeant grabbed at the loose reins flapping in the air, but they eluded him with a snake-like twist. The next wild leap brought the carriage pole against a lamp-post, and both were broken. Then one of the animals stumbled, half turned, backed, and locked the front wheels. A lady the sole occupant, was discarding some heavy wraps which impeded her movements, evidently meaning to spring into the road, but she was given no time. The near hind wheel was already off the ground. In another second the carriage must be overturned, had not Royson, brought by chance to the right place, seized the off wheel and back of the hood, and bodily lifted the rear part of the victoria into momentary safety. It was a fine display of physical strength and quick judgment. He literally threw the vehicle a distance of several feet. But that was not all. He saw his opportunity, caught the reins, and took such a pull of the terrified horses that a policeman and a soldier were able to get hold of their heads. The coachman, who had fallen, clear, now ran up. With him came a gentleman in a fur coat. Royson was about to turn and find out what had become of the lady when some one said quietly :

"Well saved King Dick!"

It was the Hon. John Seymour who spoke, Rigid as a statue, and almost as helpless, he was standing in the middle of the road, with his left hand holding the flag and a drawn sword in his right. Yet a school nickname bridged five years so rapidly that the man who had just been reviling Fate smiled at the picturesque officer of the Guards in the old tolerant way, the way in which the hero of the eleven or fifteen permits his worshippers to applaud.

But this mutual recognition went no further. The Guards must on to St. James's. Some incomprehensible growls set them in motion again, the drum banged with new zest, and the street gradually emptied, leaving only a few curious gapers to surround the damaged victoria and the trembling horses. The fresh outburst of music brought renewed prancing, but the pair were in hand now, for Royson held the reins, and the mud-bedaubed coachman was ready to twist their heads off in his wrath.

"Don't know what took' em," he was gasping to the policeman. "Never knew 'em be'ave like this afore. Quiet as sheep, they are as a ryule."

"Too fat," explained the unemotional constable. "Give, em more work, an' less corn. Wot's your name an' address? There's this 'ere lamp-post to pay for. Cavalry charges in Buckingham Palace Road cost a bit."

An appreciative audience grinned at the official humour. But Royson was listening to the somewhat lively conversation taking place behind him.

"Are you injured in any way?" cried the gentleman in the fur coat, obviously addressing the lady in the victoria. The too accurate cadence in his words bespoke the foreigner, the man who has what is called "a perfect command" of English.

"Not in the least, thank you" was the answer. The voice was clear, musical, well bred, and decidedly chilling. The two concluding words really meant "no thanks to you." The lady was, however, quite self possessed, and as a consequence, polite.

"But why in the world did you not jump out when I shouted to you?" demanded the man.

"Because you threw your half of the rug over my feet, and thus hindered me."

"Did I? *Ach, Gott!* Do you think I deserted you, then?"

"No, no. I did not mean that, Baron von Kerber. The affair was an accident, and you naturally thought I would follow your example. I did try, twice, to spring clear, but I lost my balance each time. We have no cause to blame one another. My view is that Spong was caught napping. Instead of arguing about things we might have done, we really ought to thank this gentleman, who prevented any further developments in some wonderful way not quite known to me yet."

The lady was talking herself into less caustic mood. Perhaps she had not expected the Baron to shine in an emergency. Her calmness seemed to irritate him, though he was most anxious to put himself right with her.

"My object in jumping out so quickly was to run to the horses' heads," he said. "Unfortunately, I tripped, and nearly fell. But why sit their? We must take a hansom. Or perhaps you would prefer to go by train?"

"Oh, a cab, by all means!"

The horses were now standing so quietly that Royson handed the reins to the coachman, who was examining the traces. Then he was able to turn and look at the lady. He saw that she was young and pretty, but the heavy furs she wore half concealed her face, and the fact that his own garments were frayed, while his hands and overcoat were plastered with mud off the wheels, did not help to dissipate a certain embarrassment that gripped him, for he was a shy man where women were concerned. She, too, faltered a little, and the reason was made plain by her words.

"I do not know how to thank you," she said, and he became aware that she had wonderful brown eyes. "I think—you saved my life. Indeed, I am sure you did. Will—you—call at an address that I will give you.—Mr. Fenshawe will be most anxious to—to—acknowledge your services."

"Oh, pray leave that to me, Miss Fenshawe," broke in the baron, whose fluent English had a slight lisp. "Here is my card," he went on rapidly, looking at Royson with calm assurance. "Come and see me this evening, at seven o' clock, and I will make it worth your while."

A glance at Royson's clothes told him enough, as he thought, to appraise the value of the assistance given. And he had no idea that his fair companion had really been in grave danger. He belived that the shattering of the pole against the lamp standard had stopped the bolting horses; and that the tall young man now surveying him with a measuring eye had merely succeeded in catching the reins.

Royson lifted his hat to the lady who had alighted, and was daintily gathering her skirts out of the mud.

"I am glad to have been able to help you, madam," he said. He would have gone without another word had not von Kerber touched his arm.

"You have not taken my card," said the man imperiously.

Some mischievous impulse, born of the turbulent emotions momentarily quelled by the flurry of the carriage accident, conquered Royson's better instincts. Though the Baron was tall, he towered above him. And he hardly realised the harshness, the vexed contempt of his muttered reply :—

"I don't want your charity, I want work."

At once he was conscious of his mistake. He had sunk voluntarily to the level of the Vauxhall paraders. He had even stolen their thunder. A twinge of self-denunciation drove the anger from his frowning eyes. And the Baron again thought he read his man correctly.

"Even so" he said, in a low tone, "take my card. I can find you work, of the right sort, for one who has brains and pluck. yes?"

The continental trick of ending with an implied question lent a subtle meaning to his utterance, and he helped it with covert glance and sour smile. Thus might Cæsar Borgia ask some minion if he could use a dagger. But Royson was too humiliated by his blunder to pay heed to hidden meanings. He grasped the card in his muddied fingers, and looked towards Miss Fenshawe, who was now patting one of the horses. Her aristocratic aloofness was doubly galling. She, too, had heard what he said, and was ready to classify him with the common herd. And indeed, he had deserved it. He was wholly amazed by his own churlish outburst. Not yet did he realise that Fate had taken his affairs in hand, and that each step he took, each syllable he uttered in that memorable hour, were part and parcel of the new order of events in his life.

Quite crestfallen, he hurried away. He found himself inside the gates of the park before he took note of direction. Then he went to the edge of the lake, wetted his handkerchief, and rubbed off the worst of the mudstains. While engaged in this task he calmed down sufficiently to laugh, not with any great degree of mirth, it is true, but with a grain of comfort at the recollection of Seymour's eulogy.

"King Dick!" he growled. "Times have changed since last I heard that name. By gad, five years can work wonders."

And, indeed, so can five seconds, when wonders are working, but the crass ignorance of humanity oft prevents the operation being seen. Be that as it may, Royson discovered that it was nearly eleven o'clock before he had cleaned his soiled clothes sufficiently to render himself presentable. As he set out once more for his rendezvous, he heard the band playing the old guard back to quarters. The soldiers came down the Mall, but he followed the side of the lake, crossed the Horse-Guards parade, and reached the office for which he was bound at ten minutes past eleven. He had applied for a secretaryship, a post in which "a thorough knowledge of French" was essential, and he was received by a pompous, flabby, little man, with side-whiskers, for whom he conceived a violent dislike the moment he set eyes on him. Apparently, the feeling was mutual. Dick Royson was far too distinguished looking to suit the requirements of the podgy member for a county constituency, a legislator who hoped to score in Parliament by getting the Yellow Books of the French Chamber translated for his benefit.

"You are late, Mr. Royson," began the important one.

"Yes," said Dick.

"Punctuality——"

"Exactly, but I was mixed up in a slight mishap to a carriage."

"As I was about to remark," said the M. P. in his most impressive manner, "punctuality in business is a "sine qua non." I have already appointed another secretary."

"Poor devil!" said Dick.

How dare you, sir, speak to me in that mannner?

"I was thinking of him. I don't know him, but having seen you, I am sorry for him."

"You impudent rascal——"

But Royson had fled. Out in the street, he looked up to the sky. "Is there a new moon?" he asked himself gravely. "Am I cracked? Why did I pitch into that chap? If I'm not careful, I shall get myself into trouble to-day. I wonder if Jack Seymour will lend me enough to take me to South Africa. They say that war is brewing there. That is what I want——gore, bomb-shell, more gore. If I stay in London——"

Then he encountered a procession coming up Northumberland Avenue. Police, mounted and on foot headed it. Behind marched the unemployed, thousands of them.

"If I stay in London, he continued, quite seriously. I shall pick out a beefy policeman, and fight him. Then I shall get locked up, and my name will be in the papers and my uncle will see it, and have a fit, and die. I don't want any uncle to have a fit, and die, or I shall feel that I am responsible for his death. So I must emigrate.

Suddenly he recalled the words and manner of the Baron von Kerber. They came to him with the vividness of a new expression. He sought for the card in his pocket. "Baron Franz von Kerberg, 118, Queen's Gate, W.," it read.

"Sounds like an Austrian name," he reflected. "But the girl was English, a thoroughbred, too. What was it he said? 'Work of the right sort, for a man with brains and pluck.' Well, I shall give this joker a call. If he wants me to tackle anything short of crime, I 'am his man. Failing him, I shall see Jack to-morrow, when he is off duty.

A red banner was staggering up Northumberland Avenue, and he caught a glimpse of a fat man in the midst of the lean ones.

Oh, dash those fellows they give me the hump, he growled and he turned his back on them a second time. But no military pomp or startled horses offered new adventure that day. He wandered about the streets, ate a slow luncheon counted his money seven shillings all told went into the British Museum and dawdled through its galleries until he was turned out. Then he bought a newspaper drank some tea and examined the shipping advertisements.

His mind was fixed on South Africa. Somehow it never occurred to him that the furclothed Baron might find him suitable employment. Nevertheles he went to 118, Queen's Gate at seven o'clock. The footman who opened the door seemed to be expecting him.

"Mr. King!' said the man.

This struck Royson as distinctly amusing.

"Something like that," he answered but the footman had the face of a waxen image.

"This way, Mr. King."

And Royson followed him up a wide staircase, marvelling at the aptness of the name.

(To be continued next Saturday).

THE KING AND THE PRESS.

Dinner of the Institute of Journalists.

The King caused the following massage to be sent to the chairman of the London branch of the Institute of Journalists at its annual dinner on Dec. 14 :—

The King heartily thanks those London members of the Institute of Journalists dining together this evening for their kind message of loyalty and good wishes transmitted by you, their chairman. His Majesty fully realizes how much the general public owe to those who follow the strenuous and exacting career of journalism and what heavy responsibilities devolve upon the members of that great profession.

Mr. Spenser Sarle formerly of Bombay presided and Colonel Seely, Secretary for War, was the chief guest.

The Hon. H. Lawson, M.P., in proposing the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers," said that they looked with wonder and admiration on the manner in which the power of the Executive Government had been increased during the past few years.

Colonel Seely, in reply said that if ever there was a profession which it was well should be banded closely together it was the journalist's. The journalist's profession was an arduous one, and they were all interested to hear the telegram from the King, showing that their Sovereign, who was in such close touch with his people and their lives, realized how vast a responsibility rested upon the Press. He wished all success to the Institute, which sought to hit up and help forward those who in that responsible and strenuous life fell by the way. In peace journalists held every politician in the hollow of their hand, for they knew all that he had said in the past. As regards war, they had immense powers for good or evil and they could do infinite harm to the country which they loved. What should the State do? Should it attempt to persuade or attempt to compel? In England they would persuade and not compel. (Cheers). It would be a dreadful thing if the Press of England with its high traditions were to be supposed for one instant to be at the back or call of Downing-street or Whitehall. It was not and never would be. They were utterly and completely independent of all Governments, and in war time, and even in times of peace as regarded matters relating to war-in those difficult matters of supplying truthful information to the public and not giving undue advantage to others—they could rely not only upon the good sense but upon the patriotism of the British Press. They could maintain impartiality, straightforwardness, and truth, and at the same time avoid disclosing information which had better not be disclosed for advantage of other countries. They were far on the road to see that that desirable result was achieved simply by relying in that case on the voluntary principle. As a result of consultations which were now proceeding he believed that they would arrive at a complete solution of all their difficulties, and when he met them again that he would be able to say that they had achieved that which was apparently an impossible task, of securing the complete freedom of the State and the absolute independence of the Press. (Cheers).

THIS AND THAT.

Christmas has come and gone, for which blessing I duly return thanks to the powers, who in bygone ages decided that this merry (?)—forgive the interrogation—festival should take place but once a year. Bombay certainly is not the place in which to celebrate with any gusto this Christian holiday. The Santa Claus spirit is conspicuous by its absence. I, on the 25th of December, was bored but once with the customary "Merry Christmas to you!," and that was by my "boy" who, inspired by thoughts of "backsheesh," uttered the time-honoured remark with one "lethargic" eye on my "chota hazri," and its fellow on a ten-rupee note on the dressing-table.

East may be East and West West, but they occasionally do meet, and then the West pays the piper, for the Christmas-box curse seems to be proved to even greater limits in our Indian Empire than it is in the old country. "Apropos" of the native's fondness for unearned reward, I may give an experience of a friend on Christmas morning. To say that a reward is unearned is rather a contradiction in terms. However, that is by the way. Well, this gentleman came down to breakfast full of good intentions, and was met on the verandah by the telegraph man. The postman, I may say, had already been. "Backsheesh, Sahib, backsheesh," pleaded the licensed mendicant, and, with as good grace as may be, the victim produced a rupee. This lapse into poetry, I hope, will be forgiven, but the memory of carol singing is difficult of effacement. After about ten minutes, a second telegraph man appeared, and then a third, and tipping post-office servants seemed to be like working out a recurring decimal. However, when a sixth was seen strolling up the drive, even his yearly visit to church could not restrain my friend's wrath. "What the devil do you want here?" he cried. "I've had one telegram during the whole of the last year, and yet you are the sixth man who's been worrying me this morning, 'jow'!" "Ah", replied the scamp, "but if a telegram does come for the Sahib, then we will bring it to him."

Some restless persons seem unable to eat their Christmas turkey by the family hearth, but must rush up-country to find an appetite. Hunger is never discovered by such methods as these. It is born within one of a careful preparation, not artificially made by some "kutcha" shooting trip. When found, it is like thirst, a priceless treasure, to be carefully cherished, not insulted by the ill-cooked food from a smoky camp fire. When eating my plum pudding, I prefer the certainty of finding a sixpence to the possibility of discovering a snake. No! for Yuletide remain at home, and "what, pray, do these would-be shikaris bring back as trophies of their labours?' We have a lot of their powers before they depart. They return with more blistered feet than venison meat, judging from the singular unanimity with which they avoid all reference to sporting topics after the event. Tiger and panther, "I don't think." I myself on Christmas morn bagged two chickens and a Scotch-cum-Irish terrier without lethal weapons, and at the merely nominal expense of a first-class taxi-fare to Parel.

The latest catch-phrase round Bombay at the present moment, and with which the old year was sung out, is "Have you been bottling." When first heard, this conundrum conjures up visions of those lucky persons whose occupation in life is to direct streams of pleasantly intoxicating liquor down the necks of glass receptacles, and, no doubt, at intervals of their own bodies. I first heard it from a man who had come to Bombay for a week's holiday. "What have you been doing with yourself," I asked, "been having a pleasant slack, I suppose?" "Oh, dear, no," he answered. "I've been bottling. Talk of the Augean stables, cleaning them was a babe's task compared with my job of polishing a dancing floor." Yes! it seems incredible, but it appears that an empty flagon of "Black and White,' when rubbed with energy or pitch pine, has a wonderfully lubricating effect. But what are we coming to that we should live to see the exponents of the light fantastic toe looking with such greedy eyes on the fallen crumbs from the bar-crawler's table?

Why in the world do railway companies in this country choose, on the very days most people want to travel, to curtail their service to a Sunday one? It seems inconceivable on a bank holiday, a day on which one would imagine there would be a bumper traffic, that fewer trains should run. Yet it is so. Why are railway managements so strange in their way? One might as well ask why dogs bark. It is their nature to. The leopard cannot change its spots, nor apparently, can the railway official exercise his brain.

Details are just coming out of the exceedingly bustling time some of the naval contingent had up in the Persian Gulf last year. At one period they received a hurried wireless message from the consul of a certain town to proceed there at full speed, as the place was in grave danger of being wiped out by raiders.

I tell the tale as I heard it. Two vessels dashed off in haste to the rescue. "We must save the women and children," was the motto branded on every nautical breast. On arrival they found the place in a state of full-dress siege that would have delighted the heart of Gilbert. Drawn up in the widest street was the gallant town's artillery consisting of a massive cannon of the muzzle-loader type, and capable of giving anything from railway "chairs" to bonnet pins. This was let off at half-hour intervals, the fuse being lighted by a wretched chokra, who was kept at his post by a hoary-headed savage armed with a rifle ensconced in a window some hundred yards off. No one else cared to approach the fearsome weapon. When a final rush on the part of the invaders seemed imminent, a naval party was landed, but their presence ultimately proved unnecessary. They did not, however, escape casualties, for, when landing through the surf, the ocean, which was, unfortunately, in angry mood, capsized one of the boats, and several seamen were drowned. Shortly after the arrival of their would-be rescuers the townspeople decided to make a sally, and their method of attack was extremely effectual. Not being able to see the enemy, because of an interposing ridge, they advanced about fifty yards, and then the whole line fired a volley in the air. This was apparently done to overcome their opponents, or, it may be that it was merely the etiquette of tribal warfare, for the raiders followed the same procedure, and thus the opposing forces gradually approached one another, when several more short advances had been made, and another volley or two had been fired at the stars, the ammunition ran out, and, as if moved by a common impulse, the combatants on each side, throwing down their rifles, drew their knives, and, butcher fashion, went for one another in hand-to-hand combat. The townspeople were luckily victorious, and eventually returned in huge glee to the bosom of their admiring families, with their belts hung with the bleeding severed heads of the defeated raiders. The only persons who showed signs of disapproval at this successful afternoon's work were the naval fire-eaters, who, after all their trouble, were thus deprived of the chance of a very pretty little scrap.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Bandora Roads.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—Not long ago you were pleased to advocate the widening of roads and junction corners at dangerous points whenever opportunity presented itself. And, indeed, it is matter for regret that the municipal administrators are lax in this matter. At present at a triangular junction corner where on several occasions bicyclists have come to grief against pedestrians and even hack victorias, owing to the sharp rounding thereat, a building is in construction with a projecting balcony at this dangerous point : I mean the place opposite the St. Sebastian Catechism School at Chapel-road. No doubt to expect the municipality to purchase surroundings properties at junction corners and dangerous points would be large order, when several improvements, have to be attended to; but, surely, when the opportunity occurs like this, it behoves the municipal authorities to utilise every means in their power to round off and widen such dangerous spots.—Yours, etc.,

CYCLIST.

Bandora, Jan. 3.

"WHAT is UTRODINE" one often asks when the Physician recommends it. It is a very palatable Tonic and sedative for all the functional disorders of women. A purely vegetable preparation, equally useful to mothers and to growing damsels. Literature post free from MADON, SONS and Co., Crawford Market, Bombay.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

Expert's Report on Bombay Water Supply.

Last evening a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Corporation was held under the presidency of Mr. C. N. Mehta.

Mr. Phiroze C. Sethna was admitted as a member of the Committee vice Mr. Balkrishna Vasudev Pandurung, resigned.

Mr. N. C. Mehta complained that the present arrangement for the supply of water was very inconvenient at Bhuleshwar, as water was not obtainable from the taps when most needed. The Hindus generally took their bath between 6 and 7 a.m., but water at full pressure could be had only between 5 and 6 a.m. He also complained that a great deal of water was wasted by taps being left open at night. He asked that water at high pressure might be provided for one hour, between 7 and 10 a.m. The Commissioner explained that the hours of supply had been fixed with due regard to the wants of the whole city, and Mr. Mehta's request regarding one part could not be acceeded to without interfering with the supply to other quarters. The Hydraulic Engineers had reported that there was no unusual wastage of water. Mr. Mehta was written to that effect.

One of the items in the agenda was the report on the water supply of Bombay by Mr. Midgley Taylor who was consulted as an expert by the Bombay Corporation in connection with the long talked of duplication of the Tansa main.

VEHAR WATER.

Mr. Midgley Taylor is of the opinion that apart from the sources of pollution in the Vehar water shed it is necessary to filter the Vehar water on account of its turbidity and general quality, provision being made for the construction of open sand filters of a capacity of three million gallons per diem and the construction of a terminal reservoir at Sion Hill with a capacity of four million gallons, and as regards the Tansa supply his recommendations may be summarised as follows :—

(a) That the dam at Tansa be raised so as to permit of a top water level of 413-0 T. H. D.

(b) That the line of syphons be duplicated.

(c) That the size of the new pipe should be 50 inches in diameter as far as Ghatkoper reservoir and 48 inches from there to the city.

(d) That steel pipes, 3-8th inch thickness, be adopted as far as Ghatkoper, and cast-iron pipes, between that point and the city.

(e) That a terminal service and storage reservoir be constructed at Ghatkoper.

(f) That Golangi Hill be purchased at a site for a future service reservoir.

In course of his report Mr. Taylor says it is common knowledge that continual complaints of short supply are received, especially during the hot weather, and at the present time only an intermittent supply of 8 1-2 hours per day is given to the south of the island. The reservoirs at Malabar Hill and Bhandarwada are taxed to their utmost, and are frequently drained down so as to leave only sufficient water for fire extinguishing. It follows as matter of course that the increase in the water supply to the city which is now required can be obtained in the best and most economical manner by the duplication of the syphons so as to bring their combined discharging capacity up to that of the ducts in question.

SAND FILTERS.

With regard to the improvement of the Vehar supply Mr. Midgley Taylor recommends the construction of open sand filters of a capacity of three million gallons per diem and the construction of a terminal services reservoir at Sion Hill with a capacity of four million gallons.

The following is the Commissioner't comments on report:—It will be seen that Mr. Midgley Taylor approves of and endorses the recommendations made by the Hydraulic Engineer. The only point in which he varies from Mr. Trivess Smith's proposals is the mino one of increasing the diameter of the new main from 48in. to 50in. as far as Ghatkoper. Mr. Midgley Taylor gives reasons for adopting the larger size and it will be seen from the copy of the Hydraulic Engineer's letter of 28th November, 1912, that the latter concurs in the Consulting Engineer's suggestions. The specifications for tenders for the larger size of mains have been already prepared and tenders have been called for in anticipation of the approval of the Corporation.

It is I think extremely satisfactory to find that Mr. Midgley Taylor's report is of so re-assuring a character as regards the absence of difficulty in the way of increasing the water supply of Bombay. The fact that Mr. Midgley Taylor has found so little to criticise or to alter in Mr. Trivess Smith's report is a proof of the skill and care with which the latter considered and framed his proposals. Mr. Midgley Taylor does not of course touch upon the financial aspect of the question, but there is no reason to think that the Water Engineer's estimates will prove defective or that if some excess occurs the amount cannot be easily borne by the Municipal finances.

IMPROVING TANSA DAM.

The work of rasing the Tansa Dam and preparing the earth work for the laying of the new main are already in hand and as has been said tenders for the steel portion of the new main have, been called for while steps are being taken for calling for tender for the cast-iron portion. The first relief to the water supply of the city will therefore be experienced when the new main is laid as far as Bhandup and the Vehar supply can be augmented by water let in that point from the Tansa duct. This may be hoped to be possible in about December 1914 and its effect should therefore be perceptible in the hot weather of 1915. The water supply of the city cannot however be greatly increased until the new Tansa supply is brought directly into the city. The first work in this connection is the acquisition of land for the reservoir at Ghatkoper and the construction of the necessary dam at that place.

NEW RESERVOIR AT SION HILL.

If the Corporation approves of the report as now submitted the necessary steps will be taken in this direction. Mr. Midgley Taylor recommends the immediate construction of a reservoir at Sion Hill. It will be seen from Mr. Trivess Smith's letter of 28th November, that he thinks that he can arrange for a sufficient supply of water for the north of the island without the construction of the reservoir for the next few years. I agree with Mr. Smith and think that it will not be necessary at present to do more then to approach Government for the reservation of Sion Hill for the reservoir. Government have already expressed their desire that this hill should be preserved as a spot of interest and beauty and the construction of a reservoir at this place will ensure this object being attained.

GOLANJI HILL.

As regards Golanji Hill it will be seen that Mr. Midgley Taylor considers that it will not be necessary to construct a reservoir there and that it may not be necessary to do so for many years to come. The scheme could therefore be brought into operation without the acquisition of this hill. Mr. Midgley Taylor, however, considers that it would be wise to acquire this hill in order to prevent its disappearance through quarrying. In this opinion I concur. The Corporation are aware that the Calcutta Municipality have erected a large elevated tank at enormous cost. It would appear infinitely better to maintain a series of reservoirs on the natural elevated positions in the City. We shall have reservoirs at Malabar Hill, Bhandarwada and Sion and there is little doubt that Golanji Hill Reservoir will ultimately be required. Even if it should prove that it is not so, there is no risk to the Corporation of loss through the purchase of the hill.

Steps may be taken for the extension of the filter beds at Vehar but as this cannot be brought into operation until the new Tansa water is introduced, it is not a work of urgent importance. If the Corporation will not approve of the proposals contained in this report a programme will be submitted showing the works which it is proposed to do in each year and the amount of expenditure that may be anticipated.

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POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER

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in addressing himself to this difficult and hitherto, so far as South Africa is concerned, apparently insoluble question ; and he is supported in it by Mr. Gandhi ; and there is, therefore, now every probability of its being settled, and that sooner than could have dared been hoped before Mr. Gokhale's last visit to South Africa, and permanently. The future Hottentot converts to Islam should be restricted to reserved areas, and the Christian also ; and it should not be overlooked that Muslim Hottentots are far better men and infinitely preferable subjects than the Hottentots, who ignorantly entitle themselves Aetheopians; the Aetheopians or Abyssinians being true Hamites. It is to be hoped that Mr. Gokhale will carry all his own supporters, and all the independent friends of the Indians in South Africa solidly with him.

TARIFF REFORM.

As to the acute revival this week of the question of "Tariff Reform," I am convinced that Mr. Bonar Law has blundered over it in a way that is sure to prove fatal to the Conservative Party at the next General Election—if he persists in his course. I recognise that "Free Trade" is working badly for the United Kingdom in some ways, particularly in allowing the introduction of frozen meats and fermented fruits from the more distant colonies ; but, for my own part, I am not yet prepared to give it up without a struggle,—for how could I possibly live as a Government pensioner under "Tariff Reform", and I shall certainly vote dead against it, and carry all I can against it, unless there is a "Referendum" to the electorate of the whole United Kingdom. The whole agitation for "Tariff Reform" is being worked by a ring of interested millionaires, and what is their real and wholly selfish purpose is clearly seen by their repudiation of Mr. Balfour's pledge that nothing should be decided without a first "Referendum" to the country. The fact is that since Mr. Balfour threw up the Leadership of the Conservative Party, the Party machine has got into the hands of these millionaires, and the hot-bloods of the party in London, and all over the south of England, where the local party Agents are all for "Tariff Reform." In other words, the Party is without a leader. Mr. Bonar Law is only its figurehead; and the Party tail "wags the head."

INDIAN FINANCE.

How disastrously this affects the cause of the Conservative Party is very dramatically illustrated by the preposterous attacks that have been made on the India Office with regard to its dealings in silver during the passing year. Everyone who knows anything of the matter knows that there is nothing in all this throwing of dirt, but the desire to discredit the Liberal Government in the eyes of ignorant electors ; just as in the case of the Marconi Contract, and the resignation (or dismissal) of the late "First Sea-Lord." There is also something of racial jealousy in "The City" as regards the India Office so-called "scandal," which makes all the insinuations and futile questions by which it has been faked up all the more disgraceful—and, indeed, blackguardedly. If the credit of the Conservative Party can only be kept up by such means, the sooner it is disestablished and disendowed and reconstructed on a loftier basis, the better for itself and the country. I remember on some occasion twenty years ago, someone protesting hotly to Sir Richard Temple that, unless the Conservatives treated the Liberals in the same blackguardedly way as the latter treated the former, that is, in the way of Parliamentary and journalistic tactics, "the Conservative Party would soon cease to be." Sir Richard at once drew himself up to his full height, exclaiming indiguantly : "Then all I can say, X, is that if we must die, we, the great 'Conservative Party,' will die gentlemen!" There was the true *Conservative* ring in that, and the only sure call to victory. The truth is the halfpenny newspapers turn everything to silliness. I have always said that, the "Day of Judgment," so far as the human race went, would not be a conflagration, but the degradation of every man, woman, and child of us to idiocy; and when I read these attacks on the India Office, the Post Office, and on the Admiralty, and which have come to a climax this week, I begin to feel that the "Last Day" has come—until I return out of my brown-study to self-consciousness—and recall the legend of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah ; and that there are yet left at least ten just and righteous persons of Sir Richard Temple's "Great Conservative Party."

OLLA PODRIDA.

The wedding of Mr. Solomon Sassoon and Miss Selina Prins at the Ritz, on Tuesday, was a very grand affair, and Bombay was well represented, the guests including Lord and Lady Reay, Mr. and Mrs. Crewe, Dr. John Pollen, and others. The lower hall of the hotel had been converted into a beautiful synagogue with an elaborately bedecked canopy, and the service was fully choral, no less than three High Priests officiating. The reception, after the religious ceremony, was largely attended, and the wedding presents made a great display. The bride is a charmingly refined Amsterdam lady with perfect command of English.

The great event of the week in the Esperanto world is the appearance of the New Testament in Esperanto, under the auspices of the Bible Society, and with the assistance of the Hon. Miss Peckover, member of a well-known and highly-respected Quaker family. The translation is the work of the Rev. Cyprian Rust, Vicar of Soham, ably assisted by his wife, and Mr. Wackrill of Ceylon, a skilled Esperantist. It is, I am told, clear and simple, and in the best Esperanto style. The translation may almost be said to have been inspired, so beautifully are the scriptures rendered into the new tongue.

Referring to the recent suicide in Maidstone Gaol of two young men undergoing life sentences for murder, a prison doctor is reported as saying : "They (murderers) are the pleasantest and most interesting kind of prisoners we have to deal with. Their crime has usually been committed in a moment of aberration. When that is over, they are normal beings again, which the regular offender certainly is not." *Apropos*, a former well-known Chief Commissioner of the Andamans, the largest penal settlement in the world, once said to me of the convicts under his charge : "They are exactly like you and I, except for the want of self-control."

CALCUTTA JOCKEYS' SMASH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

Of the jockeys injured in the Grand National on Tuesday, J. D. Scott is still in hospital suffering from severe spinal shock. McCall is much better, but is still feeling the effects of concussion, and will not ride on Saturday. Williamson has torn all his shoulder muscles, and, in spite of his hard condition, will be in the doctor's hands for some time. Mayhoe did not break his arm, and is now all right. Roddich's injury is a simple fracture of the elbow bone.

YACHT CLUB RACES.

The following races will sails to-day :—

"C" CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sails at 3 p.m.

Name of Boats.	Time Allowances M. S.	Entered by
Fenella	8 20	Dr Goldsmith
Jenny Wren	3 51	Capt Gloster and Kunhardt
Maud	7 8	Messrs Culbertson and Rich
Mavourneen	Scr	Mr N Taylor
Pam	8 59	Mr A G Holmes
Y T u x y	7 42	Mr B C Beade
Curlew	3 12	Mr B Hewett
Cricket	5 8	Mr T Gregson
Marie Louise	5 46	Mr K MacIver

Course: Committee Vessel—Sunk Rock Port—Mark Buoy Port—Committee Vessel - Short Course. Length 7·66 miles. Time-limit—6 30 p.m.

"A" CLASS HANDICAP RACE.—Sails at 3-10 p.m.

Name of Boats.	Time Allowances. M. S.	Entered by
Turquoise	19 50	Messrs Stokes and Preston
Isca	20 49	Mr T S Kennedy
Mahshuka	Scr	Mr J G Metcalfe
Melody	Scr	Officers R A

Course : Committee Vessel—S Karanja Port—Mark Buoy Port—Committee Vessel—N Karanja Starboard—Committee Vessel. Length 11·93 miles.

METRE CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sails at 3-20 p.m.

Name of Boats.	Time Allowances M. S.	Entered by
Cynthia	5 21	Officers R E
Mynona	5 21	Mr D Fraser
Corrie	5 21	Mr E B Macbeth
Neita	Scr	Mr D Blythe

Course : Committee Vessel—S Karanja Port—Mark Buoy Port—Committee Vessel—N Karanja Starboard—Committee Vessel. Length 11·93 miles.

"B" CLASS HANDICAP RACE—Sails at 3-30 p.m.

Name of Boats.	Time Allowances M. S.	Entered by
Trixie	7 40	Mr J W Milne
Lylie	Scr	Mr R E Fischer
Erin	4 36	Messrs. Magill and Beadel

Course : Committee Vessel—Sunk Rock Port—Mark Buoy Port—S Karanja Starboard—Committee Vessel. Length 9·15 miles. Time limit—6 30 p.m.

SHIPS' BOATS HANDICAP RACE.—Sails at 3-40 p.m.

Name of Boats.	Time Allowance M. S.	Entered by.
Pinnace	Scr	Officers "Highflyer"
Pinnace	1 7	do
Cutter	7 36	do
Cutter	10 7	do
Cutter	10 7	do
Gig	10 7	do
Cutter	12 45	Officers "Sphinx"

Course : Committee Vessel—Tucker Beacon Starboard—Committee Vessel. Length 4·40 miles. Time-limit 6-30 p.m.

ARRIVALS.

Per s. s. "Salsette" Jan. 3.

The P. and O. Co.'s mail steamer "Salsette" with the English mails of the 20th inst. arrived in Bombay harbour yesterday morning, with the following passengers :—

LONDON TO BOMBAY.

Belts, Mrs C C	Mellowdew, Mr H
Budd, Mr J E	Quarme, Mr
Cameron, Miss N M	Robertson, Mr A M
Garrett, Mr H L O	Schutte, Mr W M
Ghafur, Mr S M A	Shorrock, Mr F
Haig, Miss	Topping, Mrs and Miss
Inglis, Mr J	Thackery, Miss
Keelan, Maj H P, and Mrs	

MARSEILLES TO BOMBAY.

Baumgartner, Mr. B W V	(M Roose) Maid
Baron, M de Rothschild and Baroness	Needham, Mr J E and Mrs
Browne, Miss F	Ogilvy, Mr W
Barnwell Mrs	Pilcher, Mr H R
Collinson, Mr G H	Rice, Mr E M
(C Doigt) Valet	Raj Kumar of Limbdi
Calvocoressi, Mr M J	Rutter, Mr R and Miss
De Brock, Mr S	Richardson, Mr C T, Mrs and Miss
Egan, Mr V H	Raquette, Mr
Galimidi, Mr	Swartling Mr
Hammond, Mr W H	Talvalker, Mr N R
Husain, Dr S M	Van Valzal, Dr W W
Helti, Mr	Vinning, Rev H S
Kunhardt, Capt F G	Wakefield, Miss
Lee, Mr E	Wallis, Mr W S

BRINDISI TO BOMBAY.

Mynn, Mr A L	Squires, Mr G

PORT SAID TO BOMBAY.

Clifford-Towers, Mrs A	Walmsley Miss F H
Greyle, Miss M G	

MARSEILLES TO KARACHI.

Farrell, Mr H P and Mrs	Jeffery, Mr S

DEPARTURES.

Per s. s. Salsette Jan. 4.

The P. and O. Co.'s Mail Steamer Salsette sails to-day for Marseilles and Europe with the following passengers :—

Adam, Mr J B	Lindsay, Miss J B
Bance, Mr A W	Longyear, Mr and Mr J M
Beecher, Mr C	
Bishop, Mr L	Longyear, Mr R D
Brownfoot, Mr H S	Mackenzie, Mr and Mrs Norman
Combier, Dr and Mrs	
Curling, Mr E H	Macrorie, Mr B F
Downing, Capt J F	Marques, Mr Mrs M B and infant
Evans, Capt W J	
Field, Capt and Mrs M	McElderry, Miss S L
Grey, Lt-Col W G	Mitchell, Mrs Morton
Hathornthwaite, Capt J C	Moss, Mrs F J
	Nailer, Mr W J F
Heppel, Mr and Mrs J A	Newton, Miss B
Hotchner, Mr H	Rose, C I E, Mr G P
Jacomb-Hood, Mr M	Thompson, Miss D
James, Mr W E A	Thompson, Miss V
Jenkin, Mr and Mrs B	Thompson, Mr, Mrs M A and infant
Johnson, Miss Margaret	
Keys, Maj W D A	Thomson, Mr
Kipson, Mr C	Tritton, Mr R and valet
Kipson, Mr S	Uniacke, Mr E
Lloyd Eaton, Miss Elizabeth	Wilson, Capt and Mrs M O
	Wood, Mrs

BOMBAY RACES.

Second Extra Meeting.

For the Bombay second extra meeting to-day the time and order of running is as follows :—

	p. m.
1st Race—The Neral Plate (Division II)	3- 0
2nd Race—The Colaba Plate	3-30
3rd Race—The Byculla Plate	4- 3
4th Race—The Elphinstone Plate	4-30
5th Race—The Winter Plate	5-0
6th Race—The Neral Plate (Division I)	5-30
7th Race—The Moderate Plate	6-0

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Churchgate	2.22
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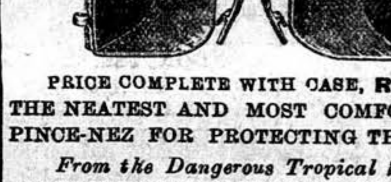
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India Office, Dec. 17.

The King has approved of the admission of the following officer to the Indian Army:—To be Lieut.—Lieut. H. Ellinger, by exchange, from the Prince of Wales (N Staffs. Regt) (Nov 21, but to rank from April 29, 1904.

Queen Alexandra's Military nursing service.

The following ladies have been appointed Nursing Sisters:—Miss Georgiana Mary French, Miss Mary Frederine Wilson, Miss Edith Mary Dundas (Nov 22.)

The following lady nurse has been permitted to retire:—Senior Nursing Sister Dora Louisa Trustlove More (Dec. 14.

War Office, Dec. 17.

The King has been graciously placed to confer the Volunteer Officer's Decoration upon the following officer who has been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated July 25,1914—Hon. Col. (Lieut-Col and Hon Col, retired, S R, Hon Major in the Army) Sir William Watts, of the late 1st Cadet batt. King's R R C (Volunteers).

Regular Forces.

Commands and Staff.

Col S P Rolt, from Assistant Director of Remounts, to be a temp Brig-Gen to command a brigade, vice Major-Gen W Douglas, C B D S O Nov 30.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

RH and RF A—Superay Major and Brevet Lieut-Col W H Drake is restored to the establishment Dec 10.

The following Capts to be Maj rs:—H J A Mackey M V O and to remain seconded; F E Sedgewick, and to remain seconded; Brevet Major R Heavey, and to remain seconded; H G Pringle Oct 5.

Lieut R J E MacKenzie, is seconded for service as an Adj T F Nov 23.

R G A—Capt W F Lumsden is seconded for service under the Colonial Office Oct 14; Superay Capt G T Brierley, D S O, is restored to the establishment Oct 31; Lieut W M J Martin is seconded for service under the Canadian Government Nov 29; Superay Lieut E S Allsup is restored to the establishment Oct 16.

Infantry.

Bedfordshire Regt.—Capt H O H Smithers is seconded for service as an adj T F Nov 14.

Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regt—Capt F G Poole, D S O, from E York Regt—Lieut G Kennedy, from Indian Army, to be Lieut vice H Ellinger, who exchanges Nov 21.

Highland Lieut.—Col H F Kays, on completion of his period of service in Command of a battalion, is placed on the Halfpay List Dec 18; Major A A Wolfe-Murray to be Lieut-Col Dec 18.

Memoranda.

Lieut-Col temp Col S M Reany from R A to be Col (June 6) Lieut-Col H F Kays to be Col (June 6) Capt A R Graham, Indian Army, is granted the local rank of Lieut-Col, while employed with the King's African Rifles Oct 4.

Army Motor Reserve.

Lieut H Day resigns commission Dec 18.

Special Reserve of Officers.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

R F A—J B Holloway, late Cadet Lance-Corporal Exeter School O T C to be Sec Lieut (on probation) Oct 1.

Foot Guards.

Coldstream Guards—Sec Lieut (on probation) H D Wallis is confirmed in his rank.

Infantry.

3rd Batt Border Regt—Sec Lieut (on probation) M S N Kennedy is confirmed in his rank.

3rd Batt S Staffs Regt—Sec Lieut (on probation) F E Robinson is confirmed in his rank.

5th Batt R Dublin Fusiliers—The following Sec Lieuts to be Lieuts:—H E E Thornhill, M E F B Jameson (Nov 28)

Admiralty, 17th December.

Lieutenant Alexander Riall Wadham Woods has been promoted to the rank of Commander in His Majesty's Fleet on the occasion of Admiral Sir Francis C. B. Bridgeman, G. C. B., G. C. V. O., relinquishing the appointment of First Sea Lord. Dated 9th December.

Chief Carpenter John Edward Elstone has been promoted to the rank of Carpenter Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 4th November.

Admiralty, 18th December.

In accordance with the provisions of Order in Council of 22nd February, 1870—

Paymaster Charles Herbert Carroll has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 13th December.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of 19th March 1908—Engineer Lieutenant Victor William Edward Allaway has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 14th December.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Probationary Sub-Lieutenant Bertram Harold Dafies has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 1st April, 1911.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Wallace Moir Annand has been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 5th April, 1907.

War Office, 20th December.

Special Reserved.

3rd Battalion, the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment). Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel Lord Henry Francis Montagu-Douglas-Scott, to be Honorary Colonel, vice Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel G. G. Gordon, C.V.O., C.B., deceased. Dated 21st December.

War Office, 20th December.

Regular Forces.

Commands and Staff.

Captain Charles Shawe, The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), to the Aid-de-Camp to Lieutenant-Colonel Earl of Liverpool, M.V.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand, and to be seconded. Dated 13th November.

Lieutenant Thomas R. Eastwood, The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own), to Aide-de-Camp (extra) to Lieutenant Colonel Earl of Liverpool, M.V.O., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand and to be seconded under the provisions of article 74 (c), Royal Warrant for pay and promotion, 1909. Dated 6th November.

Second Lieutenant John R. Hamilton-Dalrymple, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, to be Aide-de-Camp to Sir H. C. Clifford, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast Colony, and to be seconded. Dated 11th December.

Cavalry.

1st Life Guards, Hubert Charles George Pedler to be Surgeon-Lieutenant. Dated 21st December.

6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers), Lieutenant Kenneth T. Ridpath resigns his commission, Dated 21st December.

6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, Captain Harry Colmore is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 15th November.

18th (Queen Mary's Own) Hussars, Lieutenant William Joynson is seconded for service with No. 3 (Northern) Cavalry Depot. Dated 1st December.

Lieutenant Walter Holdsworth is restored to the establishment. Dated 1st December.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Broke, on completion of five year's services as a regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, retires on retired pay. Dated 19th December.

Major Theodore Fraser to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice H. Broke. Dated 19th December.

Captain Eric E. B. Holt Wilson, D. S. O., retires on retired pay. Dated 21st December.

Coast Battalion, Lieutenant John Collins to be Captain. Dated 21st December.

Royal Flying Corps.

Military Wing, Second Lieutenant Alan Hartree, Royal Artillery, is appointed to the Reserve, Dated 21st December.

Infantry.

The King's (Liverpool Regiment), Second Lieutenant Arthur Robert Ward Tate, from 5th Regiment (Wellington Rifles), New Zealand Forces (Colonial Candidate), to be Second Lieutenant, Dated 21st December.

Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment), Captain William J. Roskell retires on retired pay. Dated 21st December.

Supernumerary Captain William K Rollo is restored to the establishment, Dated 21st December.

The King's Own Scottish Borderers, Captain Charles F Kennedy is seconded for service on the Staff. Dated 15th October.

The East Surrey Regiment, Lieutenant Charles S Fuller is seconded for service as an Adjutant, Territorial Force. Dated 1st December.

The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment Lieutenant Claude R Hatley is seconded for service under the Colonial Office Dated 4th December.

The Border Regiment Major Robert O C Hume to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice H M S O'Brien Dated 4th November.

The South Staffordshire Regiment Captain Herbert J C Leland D S O is seconded for service under the Colonial Office Dated 4th December.

The King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry) Major Matthew W. K. Connolly is placed temporarily on the half-pay list on account of ill-health. Dated 11th December,

The King's Royal Rifle Corps, Second Lieutenant Alexander E. Lawrance is seconded for service on the staff. Dated 22nd November

The York and Lancaster Regiment, Lieutenant William P. Baldock resigns his commission. Dated 21st December.

The Connaught Rangers, Second Lieutenant Frederick F. Minahin resigns his commission. Dated 21st December.

The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians), Second Lieutenant Gerald Deighton Bailey, from 2nd (South Canterbury) Regiment, New Zealand Forces (Colonial Candidate), to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 21st December,

Army Chaplains Department.

The date of the retirement of the Reverend Robert Armitage, D. S. O., M. A., Chaplain to the Forces, 1st Class, is 4th May, 1912, and not as stated in the "Gazette" of 3rd May.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Staff Nurse Miss Eva C. E. Lindsay resigns her appointment. Dated 19th December.

Memorandum.

Lieutenant Linton F. W. Willson, halfpay list, is retired from the Active List on account of non-employment, Dated 21st December.

General Reserve of Officers.

Cavalry.

Lieutenant Montague J C S Johnstone resigns his commission, Dated 21st December.

Arthur Rawlins, late Cadet Serjeant, Cambridge University Contingent, Officers Training Corps, to be Second Lieutenant, Dated 21st December.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major Howard M. S. Lovering resigns his commission, Dated 21st December.

Leonard Morris Webber, late Captain, Royal Field Artillery (Special Reserve), to be Captain, Dated 21st December.

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Claud George Colé-Hamilton D S O late Captain 4th Battalion, The Royal Irish Rifles to be Captain Dated 21st December.

The undermentioned to be Second Lieutenants Dated 21st December.

Frederick William Powell, late Cadet, Glasgow University Contingent, Officers Training Corps.

Charles Granville Banister, late Cadet Serjeant, Cambridge University Contingent, Officers Training Corps.

Valentine Knox Gilliland, late Cadet Corporal, Cambridge University Contingent, Officers Training Corps.

SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE.—Dec. 20.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Lieut.-Col. T. W. Haig, C. M. G.	R.E.
Lieut.-Col. E. A. W. Hall I.M.S.	Lieut. F. L. R. Mann. 46 Punj.
Lieut.-Col. W. H. B. Robinson, I.M.S.	Lieut. L. de L. Christopher, 40 Pathans.
Major L. P. Stephen, I.M.S.	Lieut. A. E. J. Collins. R.E.
Major C. Stansfield, 8 G. R.	Asst. Engr. W. Will, R.I.M.
Major H. H. Cobbe, 13 Lrs.	Mr. G. W. Gayer.
Capt. W. R. Carey, 53 Sikhs.	Mr. C. Innes.
Capt. W. R. Coningham 32 Punj.	Mr. L. G. Barker.
Capt. G. L. Little I.M.S.	Mr. J. Holland.
Capt. G. F. S. South, 56 Rifles.	Mr. T. Hammond.
Capt. W. H. Gribbon, Ahmednagar Bde.	Mr. A. S. Kearns.
Capt. C. M. Hawes, 20 Punj.	Mr. W. Foster.
Capt. G. S. Wilkes, R.A.	Mr. R. S. M. Curran.
Capt. A. Marjoribanks, 52 Sikhs.	Mr. F. J. Monahan.
Capt. P. G. H. Hogg.	Mr. P. Williams.
	Mr. H. L. P. Walsh.
	Mrs. D. Oliver.
	Mr. J. H White.
	Mr. E. H. Waterfield.
	Mr. F. Wright.
	Mr. C. D. A. McIve
	Rev. G. H. Seeley.

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Brig.-Gen. Sir R. E. Grimston, K.C.V.O., C.I.E., to 30-4-13.	I.M.S., 6 mo. M.C.
Major J. W. D. Megaw, I.M.S., 14 days.	Nursing Sister Miss M. E. Gray, Q.A.M.N.S.I. to date of arrival.
Major H. A. Lane, 30 Lrs., 6 mo. M.C.	Mr. M. Kriebel, 3 mo. M.C.
Capt. A. Latham, 18 G. R., 2 mo. M.C.	Mr. A. G. Willox, 2 mo M.C.
Capt. J. H. Hallowes, 15 Lrs. 2 mo.	Mr. D. G. Roberison, 7 days.
Lieut. T. J. Farrell, R.I.M. 4 mo. M.C.	Mr. C. F. Deane, 4 mo. M.C.
Lieut. J. F. H. Morgan, I.M.S., to 10-3-13.	Mr. A. Brooke-Meares, 4 days.
Lieut. V. P. Norman,	Mr. A. W. Nightingale, 2 mo. M.C.

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Lieut. E. D. Metcalfe, 3 Horse.	Mr. L. J. Peck.
Engr. A. Vile, R.I.M.	Mr. A. Barnes.
Mr. W. H. Boyce.	Mr. A. Ross.
	Miss S. M. Bonser.

SUN, MOON AND TIDES.

The following are the hours and heights of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hours stated in Bombay Mean Time; depth of water is at Prince's Dock sill:—

Day of Month.	HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean Time.	Depth on Sill.	LOW WATER. Bombay Mean Time.	Depth on Sill.
	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
4 m	8 46	25 0	3 3 a	16 6
	10 25 a	27 10	m 4 27	20 11
5 m	9 41	25 1	5 43 a	16 4
	11 6 a	28 4	m 5 10	20 5
6 m	10 29	25 2	4 24 a	16 3
	11 42 a	28 8	m 5 46	20 0
7 m	11 12	25 5	5 5 a	16 3

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week:—

Jan. 4 (Saturday)	Sunrise	7h 12m	Sunset	6h 13m
„ 5 (Sunday)	„	7h 13m	„	6h 14m
„ 6 (Monday)	„	7h 13m	„	6h 15m
„ 7 (Tuesday)	„	7h 13m	„	6h 16m

PHASES OF THE MOON.—New Moon, Jan 7th, 3h 58-3 p. m.; First Quarter, 15th, 9h 31-6m a. m, Full Moon 22nd 9h 10-1m. a. m.; Last Quarter, 29th 1h. 4-0 m. p. m.

PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

The following statement shows the total mortality and the incidence of plague in the City of Bombay during the 24 hours from 6 a.m. on the 2nd Jan. to 6 a.m. on the 3rd January:—

	Attacks.	Deaths.
Total	1	nil
Total mortality from all causes		74
Small Pox	nil	nil
Cholera	3	1

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IN LIGHTER VEIN.

A POST-MORTEM WANTED.

A fine fat goose arrived at the offices of a certain newspaper a day or two before Christmas. The sub-editors were about to raffle it when the chief walked in and settled matters by sending it home with instructions, to cook it for dinner. The goose was demolished. The next morning the editor received the following letter:—Dear Editor—I have forwarded to you a goose, and there has been a dispute between my friends and myself. What we want to know is this—What did the bird die of? On the next day the editorial chair was vacant.

GOT IN FOR NOTHING.

Late one cold and wintry night a student found the door of his college locked against him.

The young man outside argued with the doorkeeper inside, cajoled, and entreated, but no purpose.

Eventually he slipped half a sovereign under the door and was admitted.

Once inside he informed, the doorkeeper that, unfortunately, after taking sovereign out of his purse, he had dropped the purse itself on the doorstep.

The man went out to pick it up, but when he was on the chilly wet doorstep the door was slammed.

Then the deal was repeated, for he was not allowed to re-enter his warm abode until he has slipped the half sovereign back.

HE WAS RIGHT.

It was just about time for the inmates of the casual ward to sit down to their Christmas dinner. Two men have in sight carrying a large steaming cauldron.

Put that kettle down, said the official, who had been waiting to pounce on them, and get me a spoon.

The man brought the spoon and was about to say something, but was sternly ordered to hold his tongue.

Do you call that soup stormed the official after supping a spoonful. Why, it's more like dirty water.

That's just what it is, sir, replied the man. We've just been scrubbing the tables down.

A TREAT FOR THE CAROLSINGERS.

It was the custom of a certain choice on Christmas Eve to sally forth and sing carols at the houses of various member of the congregation. They were generally well received, and, in addition to donations of money, were often treated to light refreshments.

There was one crusty old gentleman whom they were rather uncertain about visiting, as there were doubts as to what kind of a reception he would give them. They decided to risk it, however, and forming up under his bedroom window, struck up a well-known carol.

In a few minutes the window was opened and the old gentleman's night-capped head appeared.

How many are there of you? he asked.

Twenty, was the response.

Very well, he said, throwing a large jugful of water over them. Divide that amongst you.

HIS WISH GRATIFIED.

"You see," he exclaimed, as he showed her the wishbone of the Christmas turkey, you take hold there and I take hold here. Then we must both make a wish and pull, and when it breaks the one who has the bigger part of it will have his or her wish gratified." "But I do not know what to wish for," she protested. "Oh, you can think of something," he said. "No, I can't," she replied; "I can't think of anything I want very much." Well, I'll wish for you! he exclaimed. "Will you really?" she asked. "Yes." "Well, then' there's no use fooling with the old wishbone," she interrupted with a glad smile, "you can have me."

HIS PRESENT.

When a woman forms a habit is a mere waste of time for her husband to try to break her of it.

Well knowing his wife's disposition to make him a present regularly at Christmas, a man who like—wise realised the absolute necessity of economy in his household, said to his wife:—

"This year you must not make me a present; I insist. It would be absurd to do so when we are so hard up. I warn you that if you do I shall burn whatever you buy."

So the wife thought things over. She could not bear the idea of being deprived of her annual pleasure.

Therefore she gathered together her savings and bought for her beloved as a Christmas present a whole ton of coal.

PEACE ON EARTH.

The carols had just selected a pitch beneath a lamp in a back street, when a small boy emerged from a house opposite and beckoned mysteriously to their leader.

Mother says you're to sing something loud, he whispered. That bit about Peace on earth will do fine. She don't want no others. Just you go on followin Peace on earth.

For ten minutes the willing minstrels velled their loudest. Then a little woman armed with a sopper saucepan, appeared upon the scene.

Thanks! she said, handing the collector sixpence That Peace on earth as done it beautiful. My old man went to fetch the turkey' e won in a raffle t night, an comin' oma' e made one or two calls, an lorst it; so I've jest been a-teachin' 'im to be mor car-ful, an' I didn't want none o' the neighbors t interfere when e 'ollered Murder!

WHERE IT CAME FROM.

A merry company were assembled at the Christmas dinner table and all enjoyed the feast of good things provided by the genial hostess.

One of the guests, in a jocular manner, asked little Tommy, the son of the hostess, where turkeys came from.

Dunno, he answered; but I can tell you where this one came from (pointing to the one on the table). Ma got it from a tramp for one and six-pence' cause the man said he stole it. Didn't he, ma?

A CHANGE OF MENU.

They were discussing the Christmas Eve dinner, which was regularly partaken of by the members of the local antiquarian society.

Gentlemen, said the chairman, this year I am pleased to announce that we shall have a change of menu. A member has promised us a magnificent swan, and, as you are aware, roast swan is the fashionable dish of the day.

The announcement was received with applause, and in due course the swan arrived, and was prepared and sent to table. But despite the herculean efforts of the society's carver, the bird defied the sharpest steel.

A few days afterwards the chairman met the donor of the swan. That was a nice trick you played on us," he said bitterly. "We couldn't carve your swan, let alone eat it!"

"Great Scotia sir," said the donor, "you don't mean to say you tried to eat it! I sent that bird to be stuffed and preserved by the club as a curiosity. It has been in our family for 200 years."

BURNING THE MISTLETOE.

A queer superstition clings to mistletoe in the minds of the ignorant and superstitious French peasants, who make a practice of burning it. The ashes are afterwards carefully collected, placed in little bags, and distributed, to be worn around the neck as talismen. Frequently these little bags are buried in the middle of the field to bring good crops.

Some wives of the French peasants hold that these little bags are marvellous, in preventing their husbands from coming home drunk and ferocious. All that is necessary is to sprinkle a little of the ashes of the mistletoe in his drink, when he isn't looking, and his appetite for drink will decrease. The ashes will, at least, keep him soberer than he would be without them. That is the reason why a mistletoe bough hangs outside most of the taverns in Breton.

WHEN CATTLE TALK.

A curious custom is to hang a lantern in the cattle stall on Christmas Eve. In some districts the belief exists that the cattle have the gift of speech just before the great festival breaks on the world, and he who is curious, and gifted with the true ear, can hear them ruminating in gentle converse about that ancient manger long years ago, in which the Child was born. You must not only have a fine ear, you must also have no sin on your conscience if you are to hear the cattle. In parts of Germany, they believe it is a sin to try to overhear them talking.

There is a story told of a farm servant who, scoffing at this superstition, concealed himself in his master's stable and listened. Just as the clock struck 12 he heard, so the story runs, one horse say to another, "We shall have hard work to do this day week." "Yes; the farmer's servant is heavy." answered his companion; "and the way to the churchyard is long and steep." The servant died and was buried just a week later!



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Hongkong	Ryojun (Port Arthur)
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DAILY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON MARKETS.

[illegible], JAN. 2.] BOMBAY, JAN. 3.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
[illegible] Consols ...	75 5-8	1-16	
do. Rentes ...	99 1-2	1-4	
do. Sterling Loan ...	91 7-16		unchgd
do. Gov. Securities...	88 5-8		unchgd
Silver in London spot ...	29 5-16	1-16	
do. 2 months' hence...	29 3-8		unchgd
Silver in New York ...	63 1-2	3-4	
Exchange on London at Paris...	25·18 1-2	1-2	
do. do. at Berlin...	20·46	1 1-2	
do. do. New York...	4·85 5-8	1-2	
Discount Bank of England Rate...	5	since	
do. Short London Bills	17th Oct		
3 months' sight...	4 9-16		unchgd
do. Indian Bank Bills 3 months' sight...	4 5-16		unchgd
do. 3 months' Fine Trade Bills...	5 1-4		unchgd
do. 6 months' Fine Trade Bills...	5 1-4		unchgd
Interest day-to-day Loans ...	3 1-2		unchgd
do. 7 day Market Loans ..	3 3-4		1-8

Bar Gold. ... 77·9 unchgd.
Exchange on India 30 days' sight (Bank buying rate) 1-4 29-32 unchgd
Closing Tone of Silver—China buying
Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £65,000 for South America.
The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results:—

Total Bullion	...£31,300,000	Inc. £ 1,010,000
Public Deposits	...£14,200,000	Inc. £ 1,500,000
Other Deposits	...£53,000,000	Inc. £13,900,000
Government Securities	£13,800,000	Inc. £ 1,800,000
Other Securities	...£49,300,000	Inc. £ 12,800,000
Notes and Gold	...£20,500,000	Inc. £ 1,100,000

The Bank's Reserve is 41 per cent. of the Liabilities.

COTTON.

Liverpool market closed.
New York 11 a.m., March 12·64 May. 12·66.
New York official Noon call Mar. 12·82 May. 12·83
New Orleans 10 a.m. March 12·83 May. 12·86.

NEW YORK— Bales.
Day's Receipts at U. S. Ports ... 52,000
Receipts at ,, last year ... 48,900
Exports to Great Britain ... 7,000
Exports to Continent ... 82,000
Spot Cotton ... 13·40+20
Futures—Month of Mar. 12·89+20 } Declined early owing to commission house liquidation and advanced later on bull support and short covering.
Futures—Month of May. 12·83+17

NEW ORLEANS—
Spot cotton ... 12 15-16+1-16
Futures month of Mar. ... 13·01+20
Futures month of May. ... 13·05+20
Tone of Spot Cotton ... Steady.

WHEAT.

Wheat White Delhi ... Nominal
Do. Months— ... .
Do. Name of Ports— ... .
Wheat White Karachi ... 38 3-9
Do. Months ... Jan.-Feb.
Do. Name of Ports—Hull—Done.
Wheat Red Karachi ... Nominal
Do Months—
Tone—Firm.
Australian Wheat.— ... unchgd

SEEDS

RAPESEED—
Yellow Cawnpore per 416 lbs 85 p.c. ex-ship. ... 50 1-4—.-4
Do. Months— ... Dec.-Jan
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Sellers.
Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs. 85 p.c. ex-ship ... Nominal
Do. Months— ... .
Do. Name of Ports.— ......
Brown Cawnpore ... Nominal
Do. Months—
Do. Name of Ports.—
Tone—Flat.

LINSEED—
Bombay, per 416 lbs ex-ship ... 48 3-8+1-8
Do. Months— ... March-May
Do. Name of Ports—Antwerp—Buyers.
Tone—Quiet but steady.
Linseed Argentine—La Plata ... 43 unchgd
Do. Months— ... Jan.-Feb.
Do. Name of Ports—Hamburg—Sellers.

COTTONSEED.—
Bombay Cottonseed Market ... £6 14 0 0 1 0
Dec. Jan.—Hull—Sellers—Steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) ... 12 7-3 unchgd
RUBBER—
Para Rubber ... 4s 6 3-4d—1-4d Jan.-Feb.—Sellers—Firm
METALS—
Standard Copper G M B ... £ 88 1-2+1-2
Copper Braziers ... £ 87 3-8 unchgd
Yellow Metal ... £ 76 1-4—1-2
FREIGHTS—
Iquique—Cardiff, to Bombay Canal... 13-6 Nominal.
ARRIVALS:—
"Author".
SUGAR—
German Granulated Sugar C & F India (Double bags) ... 12 9 3-4—3-4d.
Do. Months of Shipment...Jan.-Mar.—Sellers.
Tone—Easier business very limited.
Hungarian Crystals Sugar C & F India ... 12s 9—3-4d
Do. Months of Shipments ... Jan.-Mar.—Sellers.
Tone—Neglected.
German Beet-root 51 p.c. ... 9 4—1-1-4d.
Months of Shipments ... Jan.—Sellers
9 9 1-2—1d.—May—Sellers.
Tone.—Offering more freely.
E. A. B. & similar Crystal C & F India ... 14 9 3-4—3-4d.
Months of Shipments ... Mar-Aug.—Sellers.
Tone—Very little doing.
Mauritius Crystals C & F Calcutta and Bombay ... 12 6 unchgd.
Months of Shipments ... Dec.—Value.
Tone—Quiet
Java Sugar—Quite—unchanged.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

FRIDAY EVENING.] [3RD JAN., 1913

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Importers.
	Rs.		
20 Boxes Sovs.	15,00,000	Alexandria	National Bank
2 Boxes Sovs.	1,50,000	Aden	do
15 Boxes Bullion...	8,48,640	London	do
Sovereigns ...	15,000	do	do
18 Packages Bullion	44,600	Bahrein	do
50 Boxes Sovs.	37,50,000	Port Said	Chartered Bank
5 Boxes Sovs.	3,75,000	London	do
6 Bars silver	3,07,200	do	do
149 Bars silver	3,00,000	do	do
1 Box Sovs...	58,370	do	Eastern Bank
12 Boxes Bullion.	96,000	do	Mercantile Bank
Sovereigns ...	7,50,000	do	do
20 Boxes Sovs.	15,00,000	Port Said	do
48 Boxes Bullion.	78,300	London	Hongkong Bank
Sovereigns ...	30,67,500	do	do

EXPORTS OF BAR SILVER FROM BOMBAY BY RAIL on 31st Dec, 1912 & 1st Jan. 1913

By	Bars	Ounces.
G. I. P. Railway.........	59	69,644
B. B. and C. I. Railway...	94	115,004

FINANCIAL

EXCHANGE:—The market to-day has been steady and rates are unchanged at 1s 4d 3-32 T.T., 1s 4d 1-8 on demand and 1s 4d 3-8 for 3 months' sight credits. Business is still slack, the enquiry for Bank remittance being small, and very few Private Bills offering. For Eastern rates are steadier.

We quote:—
T.T. on London ...1s. 4 3-32d
Demand Draft ...1s. 4 1-8
Credits 3 months sight ...1s. 4 3-8d.
Do. do forward ...1s. 4 11-32d. Feb.
Do. do Francs ...172
Do. do Marks ...140 1-4
Hongkong 60 days' sight ...152 3-4
Shanghai ,, ...211 3-4
Japan ...149

GOVERNMENT PAPER:—The market opened steady at 94 9-16 for cash and the near settlement and has remained steady during the day at the rate, with a fair business doing. For the second settlement the rate kept 1-4 higher than the above.

We quote:—
Cash ... Rs. 94 9 0
1st Settlement ... ,, 94 9 0
2nd do ... ,, 94 13 0

BULLION:—Yesterday bar silver in London closed 1-16 higher for ready at 29 5-16, and was unchanged for forward at 29 3-8. New York was 3-4 up at 63 1-2. The local market opened at 72 3-4 ex-duty for ready and 73 5-16 for the first settlement and has declined about 5-16 during the day closing for all positions as under. A moderate business has been done, Bar gold is steady.

We quote:—
English Bar Gold ... Rs. 23 15 0
Australian ,, ... 23 15 0
Sovereigns ,, ... 15 0 0
Silver (ex duty)
Ready ... ,, 72 7 0
1st Settlement ... ,, 73 0 0
2nd Settlement ... ,, 73 5 0
Silver (cum duty)
Ready ... ,, 81 13 0
1st Settlement ... ,, 82 6 0
2nd Settlement ... ,, 82 11 0

COUNCIL BILLS:—
At the Weekly Biddings on Wednesday last for 120 lakhs, allotments were made of 57.20 lakhs Bills and 62.80 lakhs T.T. tenderers at 1s. 4 1-16d. and 1s. 4 3-32d. respectively receiving 7 per cent. of their applications. The total amount sold during the week ending on Tuesday evening last was 130.20 lakhs. For next week the amount to be allotted is again 120 lakhs.

The steamer which left London on the 13th December and arrived to-day with the mails of the 20th December brings £460,000 Silver, £100,000 bar gold and £290,000 Sovereigns for Bombay, as also the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta ... ...Rs. 19,40,000
Bombay ... ,, 3,70,000
Madras ... ,, 5,20,000
Total... ,, 28,30,000

The steamer which left London on the 20th December and comes with the mail of the 27th December brings £30,000 silver £120,000 bar gold and £10,000 Sovereigns for Bombay as also the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta ... Rs. 28,50,000
Bombay ... ,, 32,80,000
Madras ... ,, 3,90,000
Total... ,, 65,20,000

The steamer which left London on the 27th December and comes with the mail of the 3rd January brings £140,000 bar gold for Bombay and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta ... Rs. 33,40,000
Bombay ... ,, 20,20,000
Madras ... ,, 7,50,000
Total... ,, 61,10,000

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay, for the last week, as compared with the previous one:—

	Increase. Rs.	Decrease. Rs.
LIABILITIES—		
Public Deposits		15,70,000
Other Deposits	13,45,000	......
Sundries	28,000	......
ASSETS—		
Government Securities ...	379,000	......
Other Authorized Securities	......	1,000
Credits on Govt. and other Authorised Securities...	27,66,000	......
Loans on Govt. and other Authorised Securities...	......	23,11,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,39,000	......
Bullion	......	31,000
Balance with other Banks.	......	9,31,000
Sundries	41,000	......
Cash	1,03,000	......

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales 1913.	Bales. 1912.	Bales Differences.
Receipts for the week..	108,930	76,594	+ 32,336
Receipts from 1st to 2nd Jan....	553,084	462,491	+ 90,593
Shipments for the week Europe ...	7,037	11,188	— 4,151
China, Japan, Coast Ports ...	21,138	27,726	— 6,588
Total...	28,175	38,914	— 10,739
Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 2nd Jan. Europe ...	63,253	41,937	+ 21,316
China ...	2,514	480	+ 2,034
Japan ...	74,784	143,103	— 68,319
Coast Ports ...	4,754	10,494	— 5,740
Total ..	145,325	196,044	— 50,709
Afloat in Harbour— Europe ...	2,410	2,774	— 364
China, Japan, Coast Ports ...	48,892	Nil	+ 48,892

Total exports from Bombay by G. I. P. Railway from 1st Oct. to 21st December, 5,938 bales.
Total exports from Bombay, by B. B. & C. I. Railway from 1st Oct. to 21st Dec. 3,879 bales.
Receipts of various growths of Cotton at Bombay to date compared with the corresponding periods of the previous season:—

....	Total for the week	Total since 1st Oct. 1912.	Total same time last year.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
Khandeish ...	20,120	83,397	70,764
Central India...	3,064	4,122	9,055
Barsee and Nagpur ...	7,685	25,846	7,851
Berar ...	26,995	101,024	123,908
Central Provinces ...	13,892	43,492	117,400
Total Oomras ...	71,756	257,881	328,978
Dholleras ...	1,992	14,217	5,080
Broach ...	5	10	12,843
Compta and Dharwar.	1,597	9,089	16,461
Westerns ...	1,272	12,156	
Bengals (N.-W. Provinces)	20,919	210,681	42,883
Bengals (Rajputana)	5,279	15,555	3,506
Sind ...	5,008	19,863	18,664
Persian ...	10	532	419
American ...	705	11,680	25,623
Egyptian ...	......	491	384
Other sorts ...	447	924	7,700
Total ...	108,980	553,084	462,491

a Or 8,920 original bales of American Cotton imported since 1st October, 1912.

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STOCK OF COTTON IN BOMBAY.

	Bales.
Estimated Stock on 1st October, 1912.	300,000
Receipts from 1st October, 1912, to 26th Dec., 1912	553,084
	853,084
Less Shipments from 1st October, 1911, to 26th Dec. 1912 ...	145,335
	707,749
Less Afloat	51,302
	656,447
Less Estimated mill consumption ...	265,000
	391,447
Less up-country by rail ...	9,817
Stock of Cotton in Bombay in all hands on 27th Dec., 1912 ...	381,630
Difference since last week ...	+49,190

EXPORTS. COTTON.

MARKET REPORT:—
Small to moderate fluctuations have occurred in the home markets during the past week, the holiday feeling having been maintained. Nothing of importance has transpired, but the feeling at home is still bullish and higher prices are looked for shortly. It is generally believed that the Peace Conference will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion and should this prove to be the case, the market would no doubt receive some stimulus. The next Ginners Report will reach here on the 10th instant, and bearish forecasts of some have already been received, but have had no effect on the market. The Liverpool market has been closed for the last two days and reopens to-day. Yesterday the Americans markets were steadier and closed with an advance of about 20 points in futures. Spot cotton in New York was also 20 points up, and New Orleans 1-16 up. The opening tone for the New Year is encouraging.

The following are comparison of prices in the Home markets as shown by the telegrams received here last Friday morning and up to to-day:—

	Last week.	This week.	Differences
New York—			
Futures Jan. ...	12·75	12·87	+·12
,, May ...	12·74	12·83	+·09
Spot ...	13·20	13·40	+·20
New Orleans—			
Futures Jan. ...	12·90	13·01	+·11
,, May ...	12·99	13·05	+·06
Spot ...	12 7-8	12 15-16	+1-16
Liverpool—			
Futures Dec-Jan...	6·88	6·86	—·02
,, Apr.-May...	6·82	6·78	—·04
Spot ...	7·13	7·11	—·02

Owing to a falling off in the demand and to free offerings for forward delivery, the tone of the local market was easier early in the week and prices declined Rs. 6 to Rs. 8. Only a very moderate business was done, and that chiefly for February and March delivery in Gomras and Bengals. Japan shippers were not operating freely, and there was very little enquiry from Europe. Local mills are not inclined to contract for forward delivery at present. In the bazaar a moderate business continues in good Broach and fully good Bengals in connection with option in these discriptions. A holiday feeling has been prevalent in the market, but we shall soon be settling down to the January deliveries and settlements. Since yesterday the tone of the market has improved, and this morning the prices are decidedly steadier in sympathy with the advance in America. Good Broach opens at Rs. 323-4-0 and fine Khamgaon Akola January at Rs. 321-22. There is more enquiry by shippers.

For ready cotton the demand has been small and prices have given away. A poor enquiry, and dear money, have had a depressing effect on holders, who are anxious to move stocks but cannot replace in the up-country markets, where prices continue comparatively high. They are however compelled to reduce their holdings, if only to a moderate extent, and buyers being indifferent lower rates have been accepted. Nice Khamgaon Akola has at Rs. 318 to 321. Fine ready Bengal has sketched about Rs. 280 to 282, and superfine about Rs. 10 more Ready Nagpur has been offering at Rs. 335. At the close the market is steadier owing to the advance in contract rates, and to some improvement in the enquiry.

LATER.
The market has been firm during the day and prices have advanced Re. 1 to Rs. 2. There has been a moderate enquiry for forward delivery chiefly in the bazaar. For ready cotton the demand has been good, particularly for high class cotton, and shippers have bought freely at better rates.

QUOTATIONS:—
NEW CROP.
Fine M. G. Broach ... Rs. 340 March.
Good M. G. Broach ... Rs. 325 1-2 ,,
Fine M.G. Wardha-Hinganghat ,, 339 Jan.
Fine M. G. Nagpur ... ,, 336 ,,
Fine M.G. Dhamangaon Pulgaon ,, 329 ,,
F. M. G. Khamgaon-Akola ... ,, 322 ,,
Fine M. G. Khandeish ... ,, 306 ,,
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ,, 296 ,,
Fine M. G. Bengal ... ,, 285 ,,
F. G. H. G. Bengals ,, 270 1-2 Jan.

LIVERPOOL OPENER.—
Opening Tone ... Firm.
Estimated Sales ... 7,000 bales.
Total Imports ... 92,000 ,,

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apr
6·92	6·90	6·89
+09	+08	+08
Apr.-May.	May-June.	June-July.
6·87	6·86	6·84
+08	+09	+09
July-August.	Aug.-Sept	Sept.-Oct.
6·79	6·67	6·48
+08	+07	new position

FREIGHTS.

The market has been quiet but steady during the week. The following business is reported.
ANTWERP.—Ready light seeds at 14s. 6d. to 15s. and ready seeds cotton at 16s. 6d. to 17s.
GENOA.—About 1,500 tons seeds (15 cwts.), for January shipment at 17s. 3d.
LIVERPOOL-MARSEILLES.—3,000 tons for January loading at 15s. 6d. light seeds, 16s. 6d. seeds and 17s. 6d. wheat.
The following are rates:—January,

		Sds	Cttn.
ANTWERP... 15s. light seeds per 1?s.			
DUNKIRK ... 16s.	,, 18s.	,,	,,
HAMBURG... 17s.	,, 19s	,,	,,
HAVRE...... 17s.	,, 19s.	,,	,,
GENOA ... 17s.	,, 19s.	,,	,,
HULL ... 16s.	,,	,,	,,
TRIESTE VENICE... 19s.	seeds 20s. cotton.		

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED:—
Fluctuations in this market have been small and the tone has been quite but steady, with a small business passing. There is nothing of importance to report this week. The closing tone of the home markets is steady, but there is little doing.
We quote:—
Ready ... ...Rs. 8 4 0 B.T.
April-May. ... ,, 9 3 6 B.T.
RAPESEED:—
This market has also been quiet but steady and we have little change to report.
We quote:—
Brown Delhi, Apl-May ... Rs. 8 4 0 B.T.
Ready Brown Cawnpore ... Rs. 7 10 0 B.T.
,, Yellow ,, ... Rs. 8 5 0 ,,
WHEAT:—
The market has been steady to firm during the week with a moderate business passing.
We quote:—
Ready White Pissi 85 per cent. Rs. 5 6 6 B.T.
White Delhi, Apl-May. ,, 5 7 9 ,,
GINGELLYSEED:—
Prices have kept steady and there has been a moderate enquiry for most sorts.
We quote:—
Bold White 85 p. c. Rs. 55 8 0
Small White 15 p. c. ... ,, 55 8 0
Mimbara ... ,, 57 8 0
Black Kutni ... ,, 48 0 0
Red Khandwa ... ,, 53 0 0

CASTORSEED:—
The market is steady and unchanged.
We quote:—
Ready ... ... Rs. 37 0 0
COTTONSEED:—
We have no change to report in this market.
We quote:—
Ready ... Rs. 26 0 0
GROUNDNUTS:—
The market continues steady.
We quote:—
Bold ... ... Rs. 45 0 0
Small ... ... ,, 44 0 0
POPPYSEED:—
Rates are rather steadier as under.
We quote:—
Ready ... ...Rs. 12 14 0 B.T.
MOWRASEED:—
The market is quiet but steady.
We quote:—
Ready ... ... Rs. 8 11 0 B.T.

TWO DAYS' RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of produce into Bombay, during the 48 hours ended at 6 p.m., yesterday:—

Cotton	24,878	bales.
Wheat	31,799	cwts.
Linseed	694	,,
Rapeseed	3 11	,,
Gingellyseed	22,046	,,
Poppyseed	160	,,
Groundnuts	25,824	,,
Castorseed	3,012	,,
Rice	11,957	,,
Myrabollams.	3,110	,,
Cottonseed	18,436	,,
Mowraseed	60	,,
Gram	9,122	,,
Joowar	9,218	,,
Maize	3·7	,,
Barley	1,971	,,

LOCAL YARNS.

There has been little business doing in this market lately owing to the holidays, but the tone has been firm and spinners have not been prepared to accept any reduction in rates. Yesterday there was some improvement in the enquiry for 10s' and 20s', and about 2,000 bales changed hands at rather better prices. At the close the tone of the market is very firm.

IMPORTS. PIECE-GOODS.

WHITE GOODS:—We have no change to report in this market, which continues quiet but steady.
GREY GOODS:—The market is quiet, but prices continue steady.
PRINTS AND DYED GOODS:—The market is very quiet, and the demand is at a standstill, but prices are firmly maintained in sympathy with home quotations.
TURKEY RED PLAIN GOODS:—The local market is quiet with a moderate demand. The home market is firm but little business can be done owing to the high prices asked.
TURKEY RED PRINTS:—The market is very dull and there is little or no business doing.
DHOOTIES:—The home market is firm, but there is little business doing. There is a good enquiry, but the high prices asked by manufacturers check business. The local market is quiet with a moderate enquiry.

METALS.

COPPER AND YELLOW METAL:—There is no change to report in the home markets during the past weeks. The market here also continues steady and unchanged.

COAL MARKET.

The market remains very firm and sellers idea of price are not moderating. There is little or no business passing, small lots only changing hands.
Approximate quotations are:—

	Rs.		
Powell Duffryn ...	24	0	0
Davisons West Hartley ...	23	0	0
Hastings Hartly ...	22	11	0
Australian ...	19	8	0
Desherghur ...	19	8	0

		Ready	Forward
Heilger's Anthracite coal ...	Rs.	Nil	Nil
,, Standard coal ...	,,	Nil	Nil

PETROLEUM.

The following are to-day's rates for the Standard Oil Company's brands:—

per case.
Snowflake Brand ..150° American Rs. 6 0 2
White Rose Brand..150° American ,, 5 12 2
Chester Brand ...... 175° Abel A'can ,, 4 12 2
Devoe's Imp. Brilliant 76° Abel A'can ,, 4 8 2
Monkey Brand ...131° American ,, 4 6 2
Tiger Brand ...125° American ,, 4 8 2
White Camelia in Brand tins ...125 per 2 tins ,, 4 0 0
Elephant Brand Bulk in tins ...125° ,, 4 0 6 per 8 1 gals.
Elephant Brand Bulk without tins125° ,, 3 6 0 per 2 tins.
Camel Brand in tins 125° ,, 4 9 0

The following are the rates ruling to-day for the undermentioned brands of the Asiatic Petroleum Coy., (India), Ld:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Rising Sun Brand Bulk Loose per unit...	3	6	0
Rising Sun Brand New Tins per pair......	4	0	0
Bull Brand Bulk Loose per unit	3	2	0
Bull Brand New Tins per pair	3	12	0
Swan Brand Bulk Loose per unit	3	1	0
Swan Brand New Tins per pair	3	11	0
Anchor Tins per pair	4	2	0
Shell 150 cases per case................	5	4	0
Anchor cases per case	4	8	0

SHARES.

The market has kept unchanged and January settlement having commenced large budlee business passed during the week and hence there were no big fluctuations. Bank of Bombay shares are unchanged at Rs. 1,740; Bank of Indias at Rs. 64 1-2; Eastern Bank at Rs. 95; Indian Specie after touching 69 have improved to Rs. 71; Bombay Merchant's Bank shares are steady at Rs. 13; In Mill Companies, Bombay Cotton are at Rs. 310; Bombay United at Rs. 510; Century at Rs. 290; Central Indias at Rs. 2,180; Colaba Land at Rs. 1,432 1-2; Crescents at Rs. 110; Davids at Rs. 470; Edward Sassoon at Rs. 200; Fazulbhoys at Rs. 480; Finlays at Rs. 375; Jemsheds at Rs. 187 1-2; Kohinoors at Rs. 775; Madhavji Dharamsey at Rs. 1,570; Maneckjee Petit at Rs. 3,075; New Great Eastern at Rs. 252 1-2; Standard at Rs. 1,360; Swan at Rs. 275; Swadeshi at Rs. 1,680; Textile at Rs. 1,500. In Miscellaneous Companies Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company Limited Ordinary shares are steady at Rs. 175; and Preference shares have changed hands at Rs. 181; Bombay Steam Navigation Company Ordinary shares are unchanged at Rs. 270; and Preference shares at Rs. 275; Port Canning are steady at Rs. 805; Shivrajpurs at Rs. 21 1-4; Tata Iron and Still Company Ordinary shares have ruled at and about Rs. 91 1-2; Preference shares have declined at Rs. 171; and Differed shares to Rs. 188; Treachers are quiet at Rs 490; Press shares are unchanged at previous quotations without much doing in them. In Railway Companies, Ahmedabad Prantej are steady at Rs. 695; Amritsar Pattis at Rs. 138; Tapty Valley have changed hands at Rs. 570; Guzerat Railways at Rs. 121; and Central Provinces at Rs. 68 to 69.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The result of the working of this Bank for the half year just ended shows a nett profit of Rs. 9,68,002-0-10 out of which the directors have resolved to pay a dividend of 11 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. and to carry forward the balance Rs. 3,18,002-0-10 to nett half year.
The profit made by the Bank during the last six months when money was so easy reflects credit on the directors and management.

GRIFFITHS' COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.
Day's Receipts at U. S. Ports ... 52,000 Bales
Exports to Great Britain ... 7,000 do.
Exports to Continent ... 82,000 do.
Spot Cotton at New York ... 13·40
Future Cotton at New York—Mar.. 12·84·1
Future Cotton at New York—May... 12·83·1
Tone Market at closing Spot—Firm—Futures—Firm
General Tone Market opened:—
Firm and advanced on Bull support and short covering and foreign buying.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.
Spot Cotton at New Orleans ... 12 15-16
Future Cotton at New Orleans—Mar. 13·01
Future Cotton at New Orleans—May. 13·05
Opening Tone of Market—Closed—Firm.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

Linseed, 4 p. c. Refraction, Landed Terms (per 410 lbs)...Apl.-May—Ldn.—46 3 Sellers.
Do. Bombay exship (per 416lbs) ...Jan.-Feb.—Dunkirk— 49 ,,
Do. La Plata...Jan.-Feb.—Hamburg— 43 ,,
Do. Tone of Market at close ... Firm
Do. Tendency of the Market...Sellers holding for higher prices.
Linseed Oil Spot Pipes. Jan.—£24 15 0 ,,
do ...Mar.-Apr.—£24-0-0 ,,
Do. Tone of Market at close ... Steady
Poppyseed.Canal...Jan.-Feb.—Hamburg 68 3 ,,
Do. Tone of Market at close ... Quiet.
Rapeseed Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs 85 p.c. exship ...Jan.-Feb.—Antwerp 50 3 ,,
Do. Yellow Guzerat, per 416 lbs. 85 p. c. exship...Jan.-Feb—Antwerp— Noml
Do. Tone of Market at close ... Steady.
Cotton seed. Bombay parcels ... Jan.-Feb.—Hull - £6-14-0— ,,
Do. Tone of Market at close ... Steady
Gingelly Seed. Bombay 15 p.c. ..Jan -Feb.—London 61 ,,
Wheat. Choice white Karachi ...Jan.-Feb.—London— 39 ,,
Do. F A Q Red Karachi (per 492 lbs.) —Jan.-Feb.—London 38 9 ,,
Do. Club No. 2 Jan.-Feb.—London— 39
Do. Choice white Delhi ... Noml.
Do. Tone of Market at Close... ... Steady
Do. South Australian ...No sellers
Do. Rozario Santa Fe 62 lbs ... do
Do. Red Graded American per central Jan.— ... 7 4 7·8
Do. Total afloat to U. K. ... 1,720,000 qrs

LONDON, Jan. 2.

SUGAR.

German Beet-root 88 per cent.
F. O. B. Hamburg ...Jan.—9 3 3-4 —Sellers
German Beetroot. 88 per cent
F. O. B. Hamburg ...Feb.—9 6 —Sellers
,, Closing Tone of Market Quiet.
German Granulated C. and F. India. (double bags) Jan.Feb.— 12 5 1-4—Sellers
German Granulated C. and F. India. (double Bags) Feb.-Mar.— 12 5 1-4—Sellers
German Closing Tone Market ... Quiet
Austrian Crystals B. R. B. C. and F. India Jan -Feb.—12 7 1-2 —Sellers
Austrian Crystals B. R. B. C. and F. India ...Feb -Mar.—12 8 1-4 —Sellers
Do. closing Tone of Market.— Quiet.
Mauritius Crystals ..Jan.— 12 6 —Sellers
,, Closing Tone of Market Steady
E. A. B. and Similar Crystals C. and F. India (double Bags) Jan - Feb—13 9 —Sellers
E. A. B. and Similar Crystals C. and F. India (double Bags Feb -Mar.—14 Sellers
Do. Closing Tone of Market ... Quiet

LONDON, Jan. 2.

JAVA SUGAR.

Java Sugar 16-18 (Average 17) C. I. F. Calcutta Jan.—12 Value
Java Sugar 16-18 Average 17) C. I. F. Calcutta ... June-Dec.—10 9
Java Sugar 16-18 (Average 17) Bombay or Karachi Jan.—12 1 1-2
Java Sugar 16-18 (Average 17) Bombay or Karachi June-Dec.—10 10 1-2
Java Sugar 26 T. M. O. (or Similar) Calcutta ... Jan.—13 5 1-2
Java Sugar 26 T. M. O. (or Similar) Calcutta 1913 .. June-Dec.—12
Java Sugar 26 T. M. O. (or Similar Bom. or Karachi Jan.—13 7
Java Sugar 26 T. M. O. (or Similar Bom. or Karachi —June-Dec.—12 11-2
Closing Tone of Market Quiet
Special Feature ... Very little doing

LONDON, Jan. 2.

METALS.

	£	s.	d.
Copper, Standard G M B ...	76	17	6
,, Best English Selected	81	0	0
,, Braziers...	88	10	0
,, Tone of Market	Steady		
Hard Spelter	23	0	0
Tin Block F O B Liverpool	233	0	0
Yellow Metal	7 3-8		
Galvd. Corrugated Sheets, 24 C. G. O, B 1, p.c. F O B L'pool	12	10	0
Belgium Iron Bar No. 2 ,,	6	1	0
Pig Iron, No. 3 Cleveland...	3	7	9
,, No. 3 Clarence F O B Middlesboro	3	9	6
,, Gartsherrie	4	3	6
Lead Pig English...	18	12	6
Tone of Steel Market—	Steady.		

		Yesterdays.	
Silver, Spot ...	29 3-16	29 1-4	Very firm,
,, 2 months hence ...	29 5-16	29 3-8	
,, Tone of Market—	Firm		
Special Feature—	China buying,		

LONDON, Jan. 2.

FINANCIAL.

Silver Spot ... ... 29 3·16
Silver 2 months ... ... 29 5·16
,, Closing Tone of Market— Firm
,, Tendency, etc, of the Market—China buying
Rentes 3 per cent ... £ 89 1·2
Consols 2 1-2 per cent ... £ 75 3·4
Indian Stock 3 1-2 per cent ... £ 91 1·4
Sterling loan ... £ 91 1·4
Govt Securities, 3 per cent ... £ 78
Rupee Paper 3 1-2 per cent .. £ 63 5-8
Bar Gold per oz ... 77·9
Opening Tone of Finance Market— Quiet
Closing ,, ,, — do
Bank of England Rate of Discount is 5 per cent
Exchange on India 30 Days Sight. 1 3 29-32
London at Paris Fcs ... 25·18
Berlin cheques on London Mks — 20·46
New York (Demand Bills) dols ... 4 85 1·8
Interest day to day loans ... 4 5-8
,, 7 days Market loans ... 5
Discount Bank Bills 3 months sight. 4 7-16
,, ,, 6 ,, ,, 4 3-16
Fine Trade Bills 3 months ... 5 1-4
,, ,, 6 ,, ... 5 1·4

COUNCIL BILLS.

At the periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day, for Rs. 120,00,000.

Rs. 33,40,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
,, 20,20,000 ,, to Bombay.
,, 3,60,000 ,, to Madras.
,, 57,20,000

Tenders on Calcutta, at 1s. 4 1-16d. (Min. Rate) received 7 per cent. above that rate in full.
Tenders on Bombay, at 1s. 4 1-16d. (Min. Rate) received 7 per cent. above that rate in full.
Average rates of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 16·06.

Telegraphic Transfers:—
Rs. 7,10,000 were allotted to Calcutta
,, 46,90,000 ,, to Bombay
,, 8,80,000 ,, to Madras
,, 62,80,000

Tenders on Calcutta, at 1s 4 3-32d. (Min. Rate) received 7 per cent. above that rate in full.
Tenders on Bombay, at 1s. 4 3-32d. (Min. Rate) received 7 per cent. above that rate in full.
Average rates of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 16·12.
Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales, Rs. 1,30,20,000.
Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 1,20,00,000.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

WOOLLEN GOODS.

General Tone of Market—Generally firm.

RUBBER.

Fine Hard Para Rubber—Jan.-Feb.—4 7 1-2—Sellers
General Tone of Market ... ... Firm

Liverpool, Jan. 3.
OPENING COTTON.
Days Estimated Sales ... 8,000
Tone of Market ... Steady.

Futures.		Latest closing.	To-days opening.
Jan.-Feb.	...	6·83	6·92
Feb.-Mar.	...	6·81	6·90
Mar.-Apl.	...	6·80	6·89
Apl.-May	...	6·78	6·87
May-June	...	6·76	6·88
June-July	...	6·74	6·86
July-Aug.	...	6·69	6·81
Aug.-Sept.	...	6·58	6·70
Sep.-Oct.	...	6·09	6·68

Prices at 11·5 a. m.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., write from Manchester, on Thursday, 19th December, the following weekly report:—

Cotton Figures from August 31st last to last Friday.	Sales this year.	Sales last year.
Liverpool Stock. All kinds of cotton	1,030,740	712,720
Liverpool Stock. American cotton	937,800	609,440
American del'd Spinners for the week ...	418,000	447,000
American into sight for the week	556,000	626,000
American into sight for the season	8,359,000	8,437,000
Receipts at American Ports ..	6,342,000	6,247,000
Visible Supply. All kinds of cotton	5,851,000	4,977,000
Visible Supply. American cotton	4,873,000	4,320,000
Visible Supply. Egyptian cotton	450,000	312,000
Visible Supply. East Indian cotton	61,000	52,000
Visible Supply. Other kinds of cotton	107,000	69,000

A week ago to-day the American bureau gave their estimate of the present crop as 13,820,000 bales of 500 lbs. each, and New York dropped 10 points for spot the same evening-the bureau has under-estimated the last 3 crops by a total of 2,300 000 bales, last year the discrepancy was greatest viz: 1,300,000 bales; taking the yearly average it would be 750,000 bales roughly, and so we may get a crop of 1 4 1-2 millions as estimated by Neill Bros.,if the American bureau officials are as much out as usual. There is anyway plenty of cotton for the season, with a substantial carry-over, assured and people need not worry about cotton until the prospects of the next crops begin to be discussed next spring to summer. The Liverpool stock of American is 933,000 bales against about 600,000 last year at this date, the "into sight" figures and receipts at American Ports are practically the same as last year, yet the bureau estimate of the American crop and of the quantity ginned are both about a million bales less than last year at this time. It is generally expected that the present American crop will diminish more rapidly in its movements than last year, but the difficulty is to determine in what ratio compared with last year.

There is no tangible reason to relinquish the expectation of 14 1-2 million bales as a minimum for this season's American Crop and under ordinary circumstances present prices would be considered too high as it is, we have to accept the position, and the price of American between 7d and 8d, where it almost appears as if it would remain the Ginners' reports will now from the most reliable evidence of the quantity of cotton still out of sight, and as these reports every fortnight are bearish or bullish, so may we expect the prices of cotton.

Of course the strength of cotton at present lies in the enormous demand for both textiles and yarns (a demand which is not satiated by the production at its record maximum) and the comparatively moderate excess of cotton supply over consumption, a position which the cotton markets have not failed both to realise and to employ in the manipulation of advances the present high level.

On Monday the 16th inst., we began this week with American cotton at New York 13,20 cents and Liverpool 7.15d, and no-one on this side would be responsible for advising their customers abroad to buy on this basis, yet offers continue on a liberal scale for India, mostly for shipment between June and October next, and the repeated attempts to make further purchases show they are not yet satisfied with the large quantities already on order China Markets also continue their efforts to secure lots for earlier shipment than generally possible, while other Eastern Markets are not enquiring so much, and are probably satisfied with their purchases for the time being. Meanwile we do not anticipate lower prices at present and shall not issue this report next week owing to the Xmas holidays, and Bank Holiday falling upon Thursday next.

DAILY EXPORTS—JAN. 3.

FOR LIVERPOOL.
Circassia s—52 bales wool, the Bombay Co; 5 bales wool, A A Shoostarsji, 22 bales wool, H K M Jetha 96 tons oil cake the New mofussil, Co; 36 cwts condiments W Poonjeajee and sons.

FOR LONDON.
Macedonia s—14 bales 3 kins Enrico, N Stein, 500 bales hemp J N Kapadia, and Co; 30 cwts cheetney M M Poonjeoji, and Co; 34 cwts dry ginger, 2 1-2 cwts beeswax M Abdool Kaiyunin.

FOR MANCHESTER.
Penhale s—250 tons manganese ore James Finlay, and Co.

FOR GLASGOW.
Circassia s—4,000 cwts gram Ralli Bros.

FOR HULL.
Rinaldo s—11,660 cwts castorseed Ralli Bros, 1,000 cwts cottonseed Volkart Bros, 3,262 cwts cottonseed, W Becher, 3,000 cwts cottonseed, G Bhimji.

FOR ANTWERP.
Ostmark s—330 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 110 bales cotton, M Nathoobhoy and Co; 220 bales cotton fly, K Visram and Co; 110 bales cotton, Salomon Bros; 2000 cwts groundnuts, S Cooverjee and Co; 1500 tons manganese ore, James Finlay and Co; 220 bales cotton, S Hem Amor and Co; 110 bales cotton, N Rajaram and Co; 200 bales cotton, F F Campbell and Co; 600 bales cotton hemp R Reeve and Co; 1000 cwts gram, 7098 cwts teelseed, 1979 cwts groundnuts, Ralli Bros; 110 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR BREMEN.
Motkefels s—6000 cwts gingellyseed, L Dreyfus and Co; 2015 cwts gingellyseed, L Bhimjee.

FOR HAMBURG.
Moltkefels s—330 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co; 2 pots rose oil, Bauer and Krouse; 100 cwts gum olibonnom, J Nurbheram and Co; 27 bales cotton, P Dewram, 85 bales cotton fly and waste C Peraji and Co; 675 bales cotton, 100 cwts linseed, Ralli Bros 2000 cwts mowraseed, L Dreyfus and; 854 bales cotton fly 167 bales cotton, Solomon Bros.

FOR GENOA.
Gymeric s—4,758 cwts teelseed Ralli Bros; 998 cwts' linseed, of Fachiri 206 tons, oldiron C Borgiano and Co; 25 bales hemp F.F Campbell and Co.

FOR ANCONA.
Marquis Bacquehem s—40 bales hemp Ebjie Oomersey.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.
Circassia s—140 goats skins Eurico N Stein.

FOR MARSEILLES.
Circassia s—2.000 cwts barley, 2,900 cwt linseed, 500 cwt rapeseed Ralli Bros.

FOR TRIESTE.
Marquis Bacquehem s—55 bales cotton W Wolf and Sons; 628 bales cotton 999 cwts teelseed Ralli Bros.
Breguiz s—55 cwts gram P Jethabhoy.

FOR ODESSA.
Breguiz s—105 cwts gram P Jethabhoy.

FOR FIUME.
Marquis Bacquehem s—220 bales cotton W Wolf and Sons.

AT a recent meeting of the Kolhapur Victoria Memorial Fund Committee, held under the Presidency of the Chief of Vishalgad, a sub-committee was appointed to frame rules, etc., with instructions to report by the end of the current month. The amount of the fund stands at Rs. 42,000.

The Beginning of Happiness is Health, and the beginning of Health is an active Liver. Make it so by using OTHERGILL'S MADONAL, the health liver and [illegible] —MADON, SONS and Co. Crawford Market Bombay.

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS

NAMES.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last half-yearly Dividend.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.				
Allahabad Bank Ld	100	100	18 p.c.	361
Alliance Bank of Simla	100	100	14 p.c.	
Ld.	500	500	18 p.c.	283
Bank of Bombay	100	50	6 ,,	1740
Bank of India	500	500	14 ,,	64 1-2
Bank of Bengal	500	500	12 ,,	1750
Bank of Madras.........	100	100	7 ,,	1480
Bank of Rangoon	100	50	7 ,,	100
Bank of Baroda	60	10	5 ,,	71
Credit Bank of India Ld...	25	12½	12 p.c.	12½
National Bank of India...	100	100	9	570
Panjab National Bank...	100	100	10	175
People's Bank of India...	100	50	7	27½
Specie Bank				71½
The Bombay Merchants Bank Ld.	100	10	6¼	13
Central Bank of India ...	50	25		32
EXCHANGE BANK.				
Chartered Bank..........	£20	£20	15 p.c.	£59
Eastern Bank	£10	£4	4 ,,	95
Mercantile Bank	£25	£12½	7 ,,	£19
Do.	25	12½	7 ,,	18-10
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ld	$125	$125	£2	...

Interest at 4 per cent payable while line under construction. Interest has been paid upto 30th June 1911.

SPINNING & WEAVING COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Advanced ...	500	500	yr. 10	750
Alliance	1000	1000	...	90
Berar Mfg	200	200	...	126
Bombay Cotton Mfg	500	500	40	310
Bombay Dyeing and M. Co.	250	250	15	727½
Bombay United	250	250	Nil	512 1-2
Century	100	100	3	287 1-2
Central India	500	500	70	2180
China	1000	1000	...	750
Chho Silk	500	500	20	440½
Colaba Land and Mill ...	700	700	30	143½
Coronation Mills	500	500	...	450
Connaught	300	300	...	200
Cooria	1000	1000	yr. 20	750
Crescent	100	100	4	110
Currimbhoy	1000	1000	...	1080
Crown	500	500	20	600
David	150	250	10	476 1-
Emperor Edward	500	500	10	580
Empress	500	500	...	225
Edward Sassoon Mill......	200	200	nil	202 1-
Fazulbhoy	250	250	...	481 1-
Framji Petit	1000	1000	25	1700
Finlay Mills	250	250	10	375
Gold Mohur	500	500	yr. 20	495
Hindustan	1000	1000	25	690
Howard and Bullough ...	500	500	15	490
Hyderabad	1000	1000	40	1200
Imperial Cotton	500	500	...	100
Indian Mfg	1000	1000	...	550
Indo-China Mfg	1000	1000	nil	850
James Greaves	500	500	...	220
Jamshed Mfg	250	250	5	190
Jivraj Baloo	1000	1000	...	520
Jubilee Mills	1000	1000	...	275
Khandesh	1000	610	25	880
Khatow Makonjee........	1000	1000	45	1825
Kohinoor	500	500	15	777
Leopold	100	100	...	32
Lakshmi Cotton	1000	1000	yr. 100	1435
Madras United	1000	1000	50	2375
Madhavji Dharamsey......	500	500	65	1570
Maneckji Petit	1000	1000	80	3075
Morarji Goculdas	1000	1000	60	3200
Mysore Spinning	250	250	...	50
Mysore Spinning	30	30	...	...
Moon	1000	1000	...	100
New Great Eastern	200	200	6	252 1-2
New City of Bombay	500	500	20	1025
Phoenix	100	100	6	142 1-2
Presidency	1000	1000	...	500
Ripon	1000	1000	...	[illegible]
Sassoon Cotton	1000	1000	50	[illegible]
Sassoon Silk	500	500	yr. 35	[illegible]
Sholapur	1000	1000	125	[illegible]
S. Mahratha	250	250	15	[illegible]
Standard Mills	500	500	25	[illegible]
Sun	250	250	nil	[illegible]
Swan	250	250	10	275
Swadeshi	500	500	25	1680
Textile	500	500	20	1500
Vishnu Cotton ....O.	500	500	nil	440
Do. ...P.	500	500	nil	690
Western India	1000	1000	25	615

MISCELLANEOUS COMPANIES

Al'ok Ashdown & Co.....	100	100	6 p.c.	210
All India Ut. Co. Ld.....	100	20	5 ,,	13
Samankus	10	10	...	6
Back Bay Bath	50	50	6 p.c.	28
B dham Pile	70	70	7 p.c.	95
Baroda Tram. Co	100	100	4 p.c.	56
Bombay Burmah T. Corpn	125	125	15 p.c.	565
Bombay Electric S. and T. Co. Ld. ...O.	£10	£10	Nil.	175
Do do. P.	£10	£10	6 p.c.	181
Bombay Ice Mfg.	100	100	2 p.c.	20
Bombay Flour Mill	500	500	20	975
Bombay Land and Building	500	500	5 p.c.	...
Bombay S. N. Co. ...O	250	250	7-8	270
Do. do. P.	250	250	6	275
Central I. M. Co., Ld. ...	10	10	8½	34
Delhi Flour	200	200	10	130
Empire of I. L. A.	500	50	30 p.c.	200
John Roberts and Co. ...	100	100	5 p.c.	205
Joste Fans Supply Co. ...	100	50	7 yr.	50
Kemp and Co.	200	175	12½ ,,	175
Karachi Landing	200	75	12	115
Marcks and Co	100	100	8	102
Marsland Price and Co O.	100	100	4 p.c.	...
Do do. P.	100	100	7 p.c.	75
Napier Hotel Co.	100	100		...
Oriental Govt. L. A. Co.	200	50	20 p.c.	311
Oriental Mining	...	...	...	60
Phillips and Co.	40	40	10 p.c.	34½
Port Canning Co.	1000	1000	yr. 42	815
Shivrajpore Syn. etc. ..	10	10	...	21 1-4
Sirdar Carbonic Gas Co.	100	100	5	90
Soundy and Co	100	100	...	20½
Tata Iron Steel Co. Ld. O.	75	85	...	91½
D.	30	30	...	188
P.	150	130	...	171
Thacker and Co.	50	50	20 p.c.	210
Telephone Co.	25	25	yr. 1½	61
Treacher and Co.	500	500	yr. 30	490

PRESS COMPANIES.

Akbar	750	750	250	4800
Albert (Karachi)........	1100	1100	45	985
Bombay Cotton	125	125	15	25
Breul's Cawnpore	200	200	6p.c.	[illegible]
Broach City	200	200	14	170
Fort	475	475	22½	1280
Godavery Valley	100	100	6	...
Harvey & Sabhapatty ...	500	500	40	705½
Hindustan P. and M.	250	250	15	...
Hingoles	100	100	6p.c.	80
Indian Cotton	125	125	10	140
Jamna Gin. & Pressing Co.	1000	1000	7	700
Khangaum	400	400	9p.c.	800
Mahomedpura Cotton.....	125	125	7½	...
Mahuva	200	200	nil	150
Mercantile	125	125	nil	21
Manmar Mfg.	250	250	15	272
New East India	1000	1000	75	815
New Mofussil Co.	400	400	00 84	3½xd
New Berar	500	500	40	570
New Prince of Wales	500	500	30	756
Oomri	100	112	nil	...
Purbhany	100	100	10	...
Sind	400	400	30	650
Surat City	200	200	20	245
Volkart U. P. Co., Ld. ...	500	500	50	710
Wadhwan G. & P.	150	150	12	8

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Ahmedabad Prantej Railway	500	500	8 p.c.	695
Amritsar-Patty	100	100	6 ,,	138
Sindh Light Railways Ld. (Mirpur Khas—Jhudo Feeder) ...	100	100	6 ,,	187
Do. Mirpur Khas—Khadro Feeder...	100	100	...	
Tapti Valley Railway Co	[illegible]	500	4½ ,,	570
Ahmedabad Dholka Railway	100	100	5½ ,,	138
Central Provinces	[illegible]	[illegible]	4 ,,	[illegible]
[illegible] Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

London, Dec. 20.

The New Year brings its inevitable burthen of new journals. Among them is a threepenny weekly, to be called "The Oracle," which is to expound the ethics of life and liturature. It has good backing, and is edited by an expert in these things. But it is not the first "Oracle." A journal of the same name was popular in 1790 or thereabouts, and attained quite a reputable circulation.

The proposal to erect the national memorial to the late King Edward between the Duke of York's Column and Waterlooplace will inevitably lead to the removal of the equestrian statue of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, which was unveiled by the late Sovereign, when Prince of Wales, in 1891. It was here, at the close of the South African war, that it was suggested a national memorial should be erected to those who had died in the course of the campaign. Nothing, however came of the proposal.

Is the Prince of Wales an officer of the Household Cavalry? The regulations under which the Life Guards were called into being in their present form by Charles I, decide that the Heir Apparent becomes an officer, of the Life Guards so soon as he is born, and that no formal announcement is necessary His Royal Highness will be in due course gazetted to a commission in the Household Cavalry whether or not. Now that the Prince has been permitted to join the Marlborough Club, soldiers and sailors generally are anxious for him to enter the "Rag"—otherwise the Army and Navy Club. The connection of this institution with the Royal family is a very lengthy one, and in former days the present King was a frequent visitor. It is understood that this step will be taken before long, and his Royal Highness, will also become a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club early next year. The election of the Prince of Wales to the Marlborough Club would not, as seems to be supposed, involve a suspension, of the "Age of Candidates" rule. In the case of a Royal personage, such a rule would not apply. And, of course, in another sense, the Prince has attained his majority.

Questions are to be asked in the House of Commons about the quartering of the First Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on the breezy heights of Shorncliffe immediately upon its return from India. The sudden change of climate has had a disastrous effect upon the health of the troops, and pulmonary diseases have been very rife, especially among the officers.

Lord Glenconner, and not Sir Frederick Ponsonby may be appointed Governor of Bombay. Lord Glenconner is a very wealthy man, which is an advantage in every position, but especially so to one holding an Indian Governorship. Should Lord Glenconner go to Bombay a new Commissioner will have to be found for the General Assembly. This post only requires a residence of one fortnight in the year at Holyrood, which is given over for that space of time to the decorous revels incidental to a muster of practically the whole of the clergy of the Church of Scotland. In any case, it is now possible to announce that Colonel Sir Frederick Ponsonby is not to be the new Governor of Bombay, as had been originally intended. The King has regretfully come to the conclusion that he cannot spare his senior assistant secretary, so that Colonel Ponsonby is to remain at Court. So soon, however, as Viscount Knollys retires from his post as principal private secretary to his Majesty, this appointment will be given to Lord Stamfordham, and Colonel Ponsonby will follow the latter as chief assistant private secretary.

There is no doubt that bridge is going out. The votaries of auction are as keen as ever, but they have broken up the solid phalanx of bridge players and introduced a fresh difficulty in arranging tables and players—for the auctioneers won't play bridge and the bridgers won't take the trouble to learn auction. The result is that the former rush to clubs and the latter find more difficulty in making up parties.

Mrs. de Laszlo was recently, somewhat to her astonishment, overwhelmed by condolences on her bereavement from her distinguished husband—this in consequence of the announcement in a morning paper that M. de Laszlo, as an Hungarian citizen, had been "mobilised." While it is true that two members of the staff of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy in London were summoned to rejoin the colours, the picturesque incident of the painter finding a summons awaiting him on his hall-table in the palace-gardens last week was purely apocryphal, for the simple reason that Mr. de Laszlo is over the age when he is liable for military service. On Saturday, Mr. de Laszlo's portraits of the Earl and Countess of Minto, which are destined for the Town Hall of Calcutta, were at the King's command taken from Agnew's Gallery to Buckingham Palace for their Majesties' inspection before being sent to India. After a short holiday in Switzerland Mr. de Laszlo will return to town early in February, when at the invitation of the Warden and Fellows, Earl Curzon will give him sittings for a portrait to adorn the hall of All Souls.' At Oxford, apparently, Mr. de Laszlo's work has its admirers both among town and gown, for last week his portrait of Viscount Valentia, M. P., was, with a pleasant little civic function, unveiled in the Town Hall.

The conveyance of the remains of Whitelaw Reid to America by a British cruiser had its analogue in the honour that was paid to Count Hatzfeldt predecessor of Count Matternich at the German Embassy, who also died at his post. His body was carried to Victoria Station on its way to Germany on a gun-carriage with a military escort. Odo Russell, first Lord Ampthill, our first Ambassador to Imperial Germany, died at his summer residence Potsdam, but the removal of his remains to England was in keeping with his character, His American colleague in Berlin, Bayard Taylor, poet and journalist, had also died at his post, and his funeral service in the United State Legation was the occasion for a sorrowful gathering of all the literary and artistic world of Berlin.

One of the last of the great entertainments to be given at Stafford House before it passes out of the hands of its late owners was the banquet to the Peace delegates. Since it has been in the possession of the Sutherlands, Stafford House has always been famed for its princely hospitalities to distinguished foreign visitors to London. Many people still remember the sensational entrance of Garibaldi in his red shirt at a big party given in his honour at Stafford House by the grandmother of the present Duke. Since then scarcely any foreign Royalty or illustrious personage has visited our shore without being welcomed at Stafford House.

The latest portrait of the Kaiser, which was lately finished, is the only one which appears to have satisfied the hypercritical taste of his only daughter, Princess Victoria Luise. When the young Princess went to inspect the completed picture at the studio for the last time, after gazing at it for a few moments she turned impulsively to the artist and exclaimed: "Many people have painted the Kaiser, but you have painted my father." The Kaiser is said to be the hardest man in the world to please with a photograph. Photographer in a German town much visited by his Majesty once said that he "took" him every year. At last a dozen negatives had to be made each time, and, with the resultant prints, brought to the Kaiser, who rejected all save those that presented the well-known stern look. The negatives had to be smashed in his presence On one occasion only did his Majesty choose a copy of his photograph bearing a suggestion of a smile, and enlargement of which he ordered for his mother.

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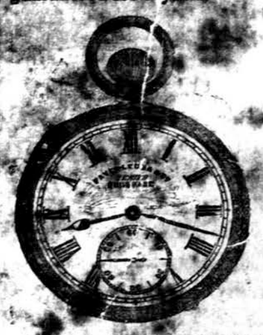
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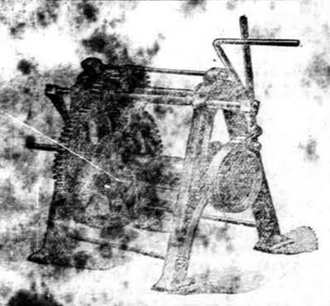
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